

# SENATE BILL No. 1065

September 16, 2014, Introduced by Senators PAPPAGEORGE and COLBECK and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

A bill to amend 2000 PA 274, entitled  
"Large carnivore act,"  
by amending section 22 (MCL 287.1122), as amended by 2013 PA 8.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 22. (1) Sections 3, 4, AND 5 ~~and 6~~ do not apply to any  
2 of the following:

3       (a) An animal control shelter or animal protection shelter.

4       (b) A person licensed or approved by the department of natural  
5 resources of this state or by the United States fish and wildlife  
6 service of the United States department of the interior. This  
7 subdivision does not apply to a person in possession of 1 or more  
8 black bears under the authority of a permit to hold wildlife in  
9 captivity issued by the department of natural resources.

1 (c) A zoological park approved or accredited by the ~~American~~  
2 ~~zoo and aquarium~~ association **OF ZOOS AND AQUARIUMS**.

3 (d) A person approved by the association of sanctuaries or the  
4 American sanctuary association.

5 (e) A law enforcement officer acting under the authority of  
6 this act.

7 (f) A veterinarian temporarily in possession of a large  
8 carnivore to provide veterinary care for or humanely euthanize the  
9 large carnivore.

10 (2) Sections 4, 5, 6(1)(d) to (5)(d), 8, and 14(3) do not  
11 apply to a person who is not a resident of this state and who is in  
12 this state only for the purpose of travel between locations outside  
13 of this state.

14 (3) Subject to subsection (2), this act does not apply to a  
15 person who meets all of the following requirements:

16 (a) Is conducting a for-profit or nonprofit business, if the  
17 primary purpose of that business is the presentation of animals  
18 including large carnivores to the public for education or  
19 exhibition purposes.

20 (b) Is a class C licensee that possesses and maintains a class  
21 C license under 9 CFR parts 1 and 2.

22 (c) Meets or exceeds all standards, including but not limited  
23 to standards for training, housing, care, and transport of large  
24 carnivores, required of a class C licensee under 9 CFR parts 1 and  
25 2.

26 (d) Except as provided in subsection (4), does not allow a  
27 patron to do any of the following:

1 (i) Come into direct contact with a large carnivore.

2 (ii) Come into close enough contact with a large carnivore over  
3 20 weeks of age so as to place the patron in jeopardy of being  
4 harmed by the large carnivore.

5 (e) Does not sell large carnivores, except to another person  
6 that meets the requirements of this subsection.

7 (f) Does not breed large carnivores.

8 (4) This act does not apply to a person who allows a patron to  
9 come into contact with a large carnivore under subsection ~~(3)(d)(i)~~  
10 ~~or (ii)~~ **3(D)** if the large carnivore is a bear less than 36 weeks of  
11 age or a bear weighing 90 pounds or less if the person otherwise  
12 meets the requirements of subsection (3) and satisfies 1 of the  
13 following:

14 (a) The person was in possession of a bear on ~~the effective~~  
15 ~~date of the 2013 amendatory act that amended this section.~~ **MARCH 26,**  
16 **2013.**

17 (b) The person acquired a business described in subsection  
18 (3)(a) from a person who was in possession of a bear on ~~the~~  
19 ~~effective date of the 2013 amendatory act that amended this~~  
20 ~~section.~~ **MARCH 26, 2013.**

21 (5) This act does not apply to a circus.