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H. R. 1202

To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit interstate-connected conduct relating to exotic animals.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BROWN of California (for himself, Mr. GOSS, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. BERMAN, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. LANTOS, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. WYNN, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. FILNER, Mr. LEACH, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. PORTER, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. WAXMAN, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. STARK, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. DIXON, Mr. BENTSEN, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. LAZIO, Mr. BEREUTER, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. BONIOR, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Mr. OLVER, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Mr. GILMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Captive Exotic Animal
3 Protection Act of 1999”.

4 **SEC. 2. TRANSPORT OR POSSESSION OF EXOTIC ANIMALS**
5 **FOR PURPOSES OF KILLING OR INJURING**
6 **THEM.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 3 of title 18, United
8 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing:

10 **“§ 48. Exotic animals**

11 “(a) Whoever, in or affecting interstate or foreign
12 commerce, knowingly transfers, transports, or possesses a
13 confined exotic animal, for the purposes of allowing the
14 killing or injuring of that animal for entertainment or the
15 collection of a trophy, shall be fined under this title or
16 imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

17 “(b) As used in this section—

18 “(1) the term ‘confined exotic animal’ means a
19 mammal of a species not historically indigenous to
20 the United States that in fact has been held in cap-
21 tivity for the shorter of—

22 “(A) the greater part of the animal’s life;

23 or

24 “(B) a period of one year;

25 whether or not the defendant knew the length of the
26 captivity; and

1 “(2) the term ‘captivity’ does not include any
2 period during which the animal—

3 “(A) lives as it would in the wild, surviving
4 primarily by foraging for naturally occurring
5 food, roaming at will over an open area of at
6 least 1,000 acres; and

7 “(B) has the opportunity to avoid hunt-
8 ers.”.

9 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
10 at the end of chapter 3 of title 18, United States Code,
11 is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

“48. Exotic animals.”.

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