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To amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to clarify provisions enacted by the Captive Wildlife Safety Act, to further the conservation of certain wildlife species, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. QUIGLEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to clarify provisions enacted by the Captive Wildlife Safety Act, to further the conservation of certain wildlife species, and for other purposes.

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Big Cat Public Safety
5 Act”.

1 (B) Section 7(c) of the Lacey Act Amend-
2 ments of 1981 (16 U.S.C. 3376(c)) is amended
3 by striking “section 2(f)(2)(A)” and inserting
4 “section 2(g)(2)(A)”.

5 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITIONS.**

6 Section 3 of the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 (16
7 U.S.C. 3372) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a)—

9 (A) in paragraph (2)—

10 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
11 the semicolon at the end and inserting “;
12 or”;

13 (ii) in subparagraph (B)(iii), by strik-
14 ing “; or” and inserting a semicolon; and

15 (iii) by striking subparagraph (C);

16 and

17 (B) in paragraph (4), by striking “(1
18 through (3)” and inserting “(1) through (3) or
19 subsection (e)”;

20 (2) by amending subsection (e) to read as fol-
21 lows:

22 “(e) CAPTIVE WILDLIFE OFFENSE.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—It is unlawful for any per-
24 son to import, export, transport, sell, receive, ac-
25 quire, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce,

1 cility, the contact is not in the course
2 of commercial activity (which may be
3 evidenced by advertisement or pro-
4 motion of such activity or other rel-
5 evant evidence), and the contact is in-
6 cidental to humane husbandry con-
7 ducted pursuant to a species-specific,
8 publicly available, peer-edited popu-
9 lation management and care plan that
10 has been provided to the Secretary
11 with justifications that the plan—

12 “(aa) reflects established
13 conservation science principles;

14 “(bb) incorporates genetic
15 and demographic analysis of a
16 multi-institution population of
17 animals covered by the plan; and

18 “(cc) promotes animal wel-
19 fare by ensuring that the fre-
20 quency of breeding is appropriate
21 for the species;

22 “(ii) ensures that during public exhi-
23 bition of a lion (*Panthera leo*), tiger
24 (*Panthera tigris*), leopard (*Panthera*
25 *pardus*), snow leopard (*Uncia uncia*), jag-

1 “(v) does not allow the transportation
2 and display of any prohibited wildlife spe-
3 cies off-site;

4 “(D) has custody of any prohibited wildlife
5 species solely for the purpose of expeditiously
6 transporting the prohibited wildlife species to a
7 person described in this paragraph with respect
8 to the species; or

9 “(E) an entity or individual that is in pos-
10 session of any prohibited wildlife species that
11 was born before the date of the enactment of
12 the Big Cat Public Safety Act, and—

13 “(i) not later than 180 days after the
14 date of the enactment of the such Act, the
15 entity or individual registers each indi-
16 vidual animal of each prohibited wildlife
17 species possessed by the entity or indi-
18 vidual with the United States Fish and
19 Wildlife Service;

20 “(ii) does not breed, acquire, or sell
21 any prohibited wildlife species after the
22 date of the enactment of such Act; and

23 “(iii) does not allow direct contact be-
24 tween the public and prohibited wildlife
25 species.”.

1 **SEC. 5. FORFEITURE OF PROHIBITED WILDLIFE SPECIES.**

2 Section 5(a)(1) of the Lacey Act Amendments of
3 1981 (16 U.S.C. 3374(a)(1)) is amended by inserting
4 “bred, possessed,” before “imported, exported,”.

5 **SEC. 6. ADMINISTRATION.**

6 Section 7(a) of the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981
7 (16 U.S.C. 3376(a)) is amended by adding at the end the
8 following:

9 “(3) The Secretary shall, in consultation with
10 other relevant Federal and State agencies, promul-
11 gate any regulations necessary to implement section
12 3(e).”.