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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the regulation of dangerous wild animals.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

4 SECTION 1. Section 822.102(a), Health and Safety Code, as
5 amended by S.B. No. 219, Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular
6 Session, 2015, is amended to read as follows:

7 (a) This subchapter does not apply to:

15 (3) an organization that is an accredited member of
16 the Association of Zoos and Aquariums;

17 (4) an injured, infirm, orphaned, or abandoned
18 dangerous wild animal while being transported for care or
19 treatment:

20 (5) an injured, infirm, orphaned, or abandoned
21 dangerous wild animal while being rehabilitated, treated, or cared
22 for by a licensed veterinarian, an incorporated humane society or
23 animal shelter, or a person who holds a rehabilitation permit
24 issued under Subchapter C, Chapter 43, Parks and Wildlife Code;

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4 (A) the animal is used as an integral part of the
5 circus performances; and

6 (B) the animal is kept within this state only
7 during the time the circus is performing in this state or for a
8 period not to exceed 30 days while the circus is performing outside
9 the United States;

14 (8) a dangerous wild animal owned by and in the
15 possession, custody, or control of a college or university solely
16 as a mascot for the college or university;

17 (9) a dangerous wild animal while being transported in
18 interstate commerce through the state in compliance with the Animal
19 Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. Section 2131 et seq.) and its subsequent
20 amendments and the regulations adopted under that Act;

21 (10) a nonhuman primate owned by and in the control and
22 custody of a person whose only business is supplying nonhuman
23 primates directly and exclusively to biomedical research
24 facilities and who holds a Class "A" or Class "B" dealer's license
25 issued by the secretary of agriculture of the United States under
26 the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. Section 2131 et seq.) and its
27 subsequent amendments;

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.