

WILDCAT CONSERVATION LEGAL AID SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF FEDERAL PENDING LEGISLATION

BILL NUMBER HOUSE SENATE	TITLE, SUMMARY, AND STATUS
<p>H.R. 80 (S. 462)</p>	<p><u>CAPTIVE PRIMATE SAFETY ACT.</u> To amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to treat nonhuman primates as prohibited wildlife species under that Act, to make corrections in the provisions relating to captive wildlife offenses under that Act, and for other purposes.</p> <p>STATUS: <u>02/24/2009</u> - PASSED HOUSE WITHOUT AMENDMENT. <u>05/14/2009</u> - SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS ORDERED TO BE REPORTED WITHOUT AMENDMENT FAVORABLY.</p>
<p>H.R. 4933 (SEE H.R. 80)</p>	<p><u>CAPTIVE WILDLIFE SAFETY ACT TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS ACT 2008.</u> To amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to protect captive wildlife and to make technical corrections.</p> <p>STATUS: <u>01/03/2008</u> - INTRODUCED IN HOUSE. <u>03/31/2008</u> - REPORTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES. <u>03/31/2008</u> - PASSED/AGREED TO IN HOUSE: ON MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND PASS THE BILL, AS AMENDED AGREED BY VOICE VOTE. <u>04/01/2008</u> - REFERRED TO SENATE COMMITTEE: RECEIVED IN THE SENATE AND READ TWICE AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS. <u>10/16/2008</u> - NO FURTHER ACTIONS REPORTED. <u>2009</u> - THIS AMENDMENT IS INCLUDED WITHIN H.R. 80 "CAPTIVE PRIMATE SAFETY ACT."</p>

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<p>H.R. 1947</p>	<p>TO PROMOTE PUBLIC SAFETY AND IMPROVE THE WELFARE OF CAPTIVE BIG CATS (HALEY’S ACT). Amends the Animal Welfare Act to: 1) define “big cat” as any live species of lion, tiger, leopard, cheetah, jaguar, or cougar or any hybrid; 2) define “direct contact” as any situation in which an individual may potentially touch or otherwise come into contact with any live big cat; 3) allows the Secretary of Agriculture to deny or revoke licenses to animal dealers and exhibitors based on recommendations from state or local officials with jurisdiction over captive wildlife; 4) requires the Secretary to include standards of humane handling, care, treatment, and transportation of animals by dealers, research facilities, and exhibitors; 5) provide for public safety; 6) increase civil and criminal penalties for violations; 7) prohibit a licensed exhibitor or dealer from allowing direct contact between a big cat and member of the public (exception for zoos); and 8) prohibits the Secretary from granting a license to a dealer or exhibitor of a big cat until the Secretary has issued regulations to implement this Act.</p> <p>STATUS: <u>12/18/2007</u> - HOUSE COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE - FAVORABLE EXECUTIVE COMMENT RECEIVED FROM UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA). <u>10/16/2008</u> - NO FURTHER ACTIONS REPORTED. <u>06/30/2009</u> - NO FURTHER ACTIONS REPORTED.</p>

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<p>H.R. 411 (S. 529) H.R. 1464 (2008)</p>	<p>GREAT CATS AND RARE CANIDS ACT OF 2009. 1) purpose: to assist in the conservation of rare felids and canids by supporting and providing financial resources for conservation programs of nations within the range of rare felid and canid populations and projects of individuals with demonstrated expertise in conservation of rare felids and canids; 2) authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to convene an advisory group of individuals representing public and private organizations actively involved with the conservation of felids and canids; 3) restricts the use of grants for captive breeding or exhibit purposes; 4) establishes separate account under the Multinational Species Conservation Fund; 5) defines rare felid as (a) any felid species, subspecies, or population that is not native to the United States or Canada and is included on the threatened or endangered lists of the World Conservation Union, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, or the Endangered Species Act of 1973; and (b) include subspecies or population of lion, leopard, jaguar, snow leopard, clouded leopard, cheetah, or Iberian lynx. Does not include any tiger. <i>(N.B. Tigers are covered in the Rhinoceros and Tiger Act under the Multinational Species Conservation Fund.)</i></p> <p>STATUS: <u>04/21/2009</u> - PASSED HOUSE AMENDED. <u>04/22/2009</u> - RECEIVED IN THE SENATE AND READ TWICE AND REFERRED TO SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS.</p> <hr/> <p>HISTORICAL STATUS OF H.R. 1464 (2008): <u>05/20/2008</u> - PASSED IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. <u>05/21/2008</u> - FORWARDED TO SENATE COMMITTEE- READ TWICE AND REFERRED TO SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS. <u>09/24/2008</u> - PLACED ON SENATE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR UNDER GENERAL ORDERS CALENDAR No. 1068. <u>10/16/2008</u> - NO FURTHER ACTIONS REPORTED.</p>

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<p>H.R. 669</p>	<p><u>NONNATIVE WILDLIFE INVASION PREVENTION ACT.</u> To prevent the introduction and establishment of nonnative wildlife species that negatively impact the economy, environment, or other animal species’ or human health, and for other purposes. <u>STATUS:</u> <u>02/04/2009</u> - REFERRED TO HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON INSULAR AFFAIRS, OCEANS AND WILDLIFE.</p>
<p>H.R. 2308</p>	<p><u>SPORTSMANSHIP IN HUNTING ACT OF 2009.</u> Amends Title 18, United States Code, (Federal Criminal Code) to prohibit knowingly: 1) transferring, transporting, or possessing a confined exotic animal for purposes of allowing the killing or injuring of that animal for entertainment or for the collection of a trophy (<i>unofficially known as “canned hunts”</i>) or 2) making available a computer-assisted remote hunt. Defines “confined exotic animal” as a mammal of a species not indigenous to the United States that has been held in captivity for the majority of its life or a continuous period of one year. <u>STATUS:</u> <u>06/12/2009</u> - REFERRED TO HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON CRIME, TERRORISM, AND HOMELAND SECURITY.</p>
<p>H.R. 2480 (S. 1076)</p>	<p><u>TRUTH IN FUR LABELING ACT 2009.</u> Amends the Fur Products Labeling Act to: 1) eliminate the exemption to fur labeling requirements for products containing relatively small amounts of fur; and 2) permit states to enforce more restrictive labeling requirements. Directs the Federal Trade Commission, in the Fur Products Name Guide, to replace the term “Raccoon, Asiatic” with “Dog, Raccoon.” <u>STATUS:</u> <u>05/19/2009</u> - HOUSE: REFERRED TO HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE. <u>05/19/2009</u> - SENATE: READ TWICE AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION.</p>

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<p>H.R. 4455</p>	<p><u>WILDLIFE WITHOUT BORDERS AUTHORIZATION ACT.</u> Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to provide international wildlife management and conservation programs through the Wildlife Without Borders Program within the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to provide international wildlife conservation assistance through the initiation, facilitation and promotion of locally adapted wildlife management and conservation programs in coordination with non-governmental organizations, governments, private business, and community leaders.</p> <p><u>STATUS:</u> <u>12/17/2007</u> - REFERRED TO HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE; REFERRED TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISHERIES, WILDLIFE AND OCEANS. <u>06/24/2008</u> - SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING HELD. <u>10/16/2008</u> - NO FURTHER ACTIONS REPORTED. <u>06/30/2009</u> - NO FURTHER ACTIONS REPORTED.</p>

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<p>H.R. 3046 (S. 1348)</p>	<p>HUNTING HERITAGE PROTECTION ACT. 1) requires federal public lands be open to access and use for recreational hunting except (a) as limited by the federal agency with responsibility for such lands for national security or public safety, or reasons authorized in applicable federal statutes as reasons for closure; and (b) such hunting is limited by the state in which such lands are located; 2) directs the head of each federal agency with authority to manage a natural resource or public lands on which such a resource depends to exercise that authority in a manner so as to support, promote, and enhance recreational hunting opportunities; 3) declares that federal land management decisions and actions should result in no net loss of land area available for hunting opportunities on federal public lands; 4) requires the heads of federal agencies to report annually to specified congressional committees on areas administered that have been closed during the previous year to recreational hunting and reasons for such closures and on areas that were open to hunting to compensate for closed areas; 5) prohibits withdrawal, change of classification or change of management status that effectively closes 5,000 or more acres of federal public land for use for recreational hunting from occurring unless the head of the federal agency with authority to manage the land has submitted written notice of the action to specified subcommittees of the House and Senate; and 6) grants the states the right to file civil actions in district courts in cases where federal agencies fail to comply with state authority to manage or regulate fish or wildlife.</p> <p>STATUS: <u>06/25/2009</u> - HOUSE: REFERRED TO HOUSE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES. <u>06/25/2009</u> - SENATE: READ TWICE AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES.</p>