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94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 578.023, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to dangerous wild animals, with penalty provisions.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 578.023, RSMo, is repealed and one new section  
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 578.023, to read as follows:

578.023. 1. No person [may] **shall own, possess, or** keep any lion, tiger,  
2 leopard, ocelot, jaguar, cheetah, margay, mountain lion, Canada lynx, bobcat,  
3 jaguarundi, hyena, wolf, bear, **or** nonhuman primate[, coyote, any deadly,  
4 dangerous, or poisonous reptile, or any deadly or dangerous reptile over eight feet  
5 long,] in any place other than a properly maintained [zoological park,]:

6 (1) **Transitory** circus[.];

7 (2) **Accredited** scientific[,] or educational institution[.];

8 (3) **Accredited** research laboratory[.];

9 (4) **Permitted** veterinary hospital, **as authorized by the Missouri**  
10 **veterinary medical board created under section 340.202, RSMo;** or  
11 [animal refuge,]

12 (5) **Zoological park that is accredited by the Association of Zoos**  
13 **and Aquariums;**

14 unless such person has registered such [animals] **animal** with the [local] **chief**  
15 **law enforcement [agency in] official, or his or her designee, of the county or**  
16 **city if not within a county** in which the animal is kept. **Such registration**  
17 **shall be required within five days of acquiring, possessing, or moving**  
18 **such an animal to a county or city not within a county. Any**  
19 **registration under this section shall be required to be renewed on an**

**EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

20 annual basis throughout the duration of the animal's presence in such  
21 location.

22 2. The chief law enforcement official in subsection 1 of this  
23 section, or his or her designee, shall maintain a registry of any such  
24 animals registered under this section. The registry shall be made  
25 available to the public via a publicly-accessible website and shall  
26 additionally be made available for disaster preparedness or for  
27 emergencies. The chief law enforcement official may charge a  
28 registration fee of an amount sufficient to cover the administrative  
29 costs of maintaining the registry but such fee shall not exceed fifty  
30 dollars for a first registration or twenty-five dollars for a renewal  
31 registration.

32 3. The registration required in this section shall include the  
33 following information:

34 (1) The name, address, telephone number, and date of birth of  
35 the person owning, possessing, or keeping the animal;

36 (2) A description of each animal, including the scientific name,  
37 given name, sex, age, color, weight, and any distinguishing marks or  
38 coloration that would aid in the identification of the animal;

39 (3) A photograph of the animal;

40 (4) The exact location where the animal is to be kept;

41 (5) The name, address, and telephone number of the person from  
42 whom the applicant obtained the animal, if known;

43 (6) The microchip number or other identification number for the  
44 animal;

45 (7) The name, address, and telephone number of the veterinarian  
46 providing veterinary care to the animal; and

47 (8) The name, address, telephone number, and date of birth of  
48 any adult person designated as a handler for the animal.

49 4. Any animal required to be registered under this section shall  
50 be identifiable by microchip or other reliable animal identification  
51 device or system.

52 5. No animal required to be registered under this section shall  
53 be allowed to enter upon or be taken to any public property, or any  
54 commercial or retail establishment unless the owner or possessor is  
55 bringing the animal to a licensed veterinarian or veterinary clinic. No  
56 such animal shall be permitted to come into contact with anyone other

57 **than the owner, possessor, a registered designated handler, or a**  
58 **veterinarian administering medical examination, treatment, or care.**

59 **6.** Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a  
60 class [C] A misdemeanor.

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