

2021 State Bills: Wild Animals in Traveling Shows

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Following is a list of state bills introduced this year that would ban wild animal acts. If you live in one of these states, please take action to support your bill.

You should **only** contact state legislators if you live in that state.)

To track the progress of your bill and action you can take, follow the Humane Society of the U.S. Facebook page for your state or sign up for emails from animal protection organizations involved in your state's bill.

Colorado – SB 21-135, introduced by Reps. Joann Ginal and Rachel Zenzinger in the House and Sens. Monica Duran and Meg Froelich in the Senate, would prohibit the use of certain wild animals in a traveling act.

Status: The bill passed the Senate on a 20-14 vote and is now in the House Agriculture, Livestock, & Water Committee. Follow progress of the bill [here](#). Sign up for email alerts from Colorado Voters for Animals [here](#).

Action: If your state Representative sits on the House Agriculture, Livestock, & Water Committee (see list [here](#)), contact them in support of this bill. Find your representative [here](#).

Massachusetts – HD 2035 (House bill introduced by Reps. Lori Ehrlich and Bradley Jones, Jr.) and SD 1246 (Senate bill introduced by Sen. Bruce Tarr) would prohibit the use of elephants, big cats (including hybrids), bears, primates, and giraffes in traveling shows.

Status: Not yet referred to committee. Follow progress of HD 2035 [here](#) and SD 1246 [here](#).

Action: Sign up for MSPCA Action Team alerts [here](#) so you know when to take action.

New York – Assembly Bill 5542, sponsored by Asm. Steve Englebright, would prohibit the issuance of permits authorizing the use of wild animals in circuses or traveling animal acts.

Status: Bill referred to Committee on Environmental Conservation. Follow progress of the bill [here](#).

Action: If your Assembly member sits on the Committee on Environmental Conservation (see list [here](#)), contact them in support of this bill.

Other state bills:

Texas – House Bill 1941, sponsored by Rep. Vikki Goodwin, would prohibit the use of certain devices to train or control the behavior of an elephant.

Status: Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence. Follow progress of the bill [here](#). You can sign up for government bill and meeting alerts [here](#).

Action: If your state House member sits on the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence (see list [here](#)), please contact them in support of this bill.

Texas – House Bill 3710, sponsored by Rep. Claudia Ordaz Perez, would prohibit direct contact with certain captive wild animals, including big cats, elephants, bears, and nonhuman primates.

Status: Referred to Committee on Culture, Recreation and Tourism. Follow progress of the bill [here](#). You can sign up for government bill and meeting alerts [here](#).

Action: If your state House member sits on the Committee on Culture, Recreation and Tourism (see list [here](#)), please contact them in support of this bill.