

# HOUSE BILL No. 5163

December 4, 2013, Introduced by Reps. VerHeulen, Goike, Outman, Victory, Schor, Dillon, Brinks, Singh, Zemke, Leonard, Cochran, Callton, Kivela, MacGregor, Abed, Rendon, Hooker, Pscholka, Stallworth, Hobbs, Shirkey, Foster, Kesto, Walsh, Durhal, Howrylak, McCready, Crawford, LaFontaine, Haveman and Haines and referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

A bill to amend 2000 PA 274, entitled  
 "Large carnivore act,"  
 by amending section 3 (MCL 287.1103).

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 3. (1) A person shall not do any of the following:

2           (a) Own or possess a large carnivore except in compliance with  
 3 this act.

4           (b) ~~Breed~~**EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2), BREED** a large  
 5 carnivore.

6           (c) Transfer ownership or possession of or receive a transfer  
 7 of ownership or possession of a large carnivore, with or without  
 8 remuneration, ~~. This subdivision does not apply to a~~**UNLESS THE**  
 9 transfer of ownership or possession of a large carnivore **IS**

1 expressly authorized or required by this act.

2 (2) SUBSECTION (1) (B) DOES NOT APPLY TO AN ACCREDITED  
3 ZOOLOGICAL PARK, A PERSON HOLDING A CLASS C LICENSE UNDER 9 CFR  
4 PART 2, OR A PERSON HOLDING A UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE  
5 SERVICE CAPTIVE-BRED WILDLIFE REGISTRATION UNDER 50 CFR PART 17  
6 THAT MEETS BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

7 (A) IS BREEDING THE LARGE CARNIVORE FOR CONSERVATION PURPOSES  
8 AS PART OF AN APPROVED SCIENCE-BASED BREEDING PROGRAM.

9 (B) IS NOT BREEDING THE LARGE CARNIVORE FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
10 SELLING, BARTERING, LEASING, OR TRADING THE ANIMAL OR ITS OFFSPRING  
11 OR ANIMAL PARTS FOR COMMERCIAL PROFIT.

12 (3) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "SCIENCE-BASED BREEDING PROGRAM"  
13 MEANS A COOPERATIVE, ORGANIZED BREEDING PROGRAM APPROVED BY THIS  
14 STATE THAT INCLUDES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

15 (A) A DEMONSTRATION OF FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY.

16 (B) PHYSICAL FACILITIES TO HOUSE ANIMALS, INCLUDING PROGENY.

17 (C) A LONG-TERM GENETIC MANAGEMENT PLAN.

18 (D) A SYSTEM OF RECORD-KEEPING.

19 (E) A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PROGRAM AND CONSERVATION OF THE  
20 SPECIES IN THE WILD.

21 (F) PLANS FOR PLACEMENT OF ALL ANIMALS AS PART OF ONGOING  
22 PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION OR VOLUNTARY OR INVOLUNTARY CLOSURE OF THE  
23 FACILITY.