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IN SENATE

February 12, 2018

Introduced by Sen. BOYLE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Environmental Conservation -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to prohibiting the issuance of permits authorizing the use of wild animals in circuses

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new section 11-0541 to read as follows:

§ 11-0541. Prohibition on the issuance of permits authorizing the use of wild animals in circuses.

1. The department shall not issue a permit or license, including, but not limited to, an education or exhibition permit or an endangered or threatened species license, authorizing the exhibition of a wild animal in a circus, notwithstanding a valid United States department of agriculture license.

2. Such a prohibition shall not apply to:

a. an accredited zoo accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums;

b. a wildlife sanctuary.

§ 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2021.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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