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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. L. ROSENTHAL -- read once and referred 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 wild or exotic animals

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph e of subdivision 6 of section 11-0103 of the  
2 environmental conservation law, as amended by chapter 10 of the laws of  
3 2005, is amended to read as follows:

4 e. [~~"Wild animal" shall not include "companion animal" as defined in~~  
5 ~~section three hundred fifty of the agriculture and markets law. Wild~~  
6 ~~animal includes,~~] "Wild animal" means indigenous, non-domesticated  
7 animals native to the country in which they live. "Exotic animal" means  
8 a wild animal with an origin of a different continent. The terms wild  
9 animal and exotic animal shall not include "companion animal" as defined  
10 in section three hundred fifty of the agriculture and markets law. Wild  
11 animals and exotic animals include and [~~is~~] are limited to, any or all  
12 of the following orders [~~and~~], families, and genera:

13 (1) Nonhuman primates and prosimians,

14 (2) Felidae and all hybrids thereof, with the exception of the species  
15 Felis catus (domesticated and feral cats, which shall mean domesticated  
16 cats that were formerly owned and that have been abandoned and that are  
17 no longer socialized, as well as offspring of such cats) and hybrids of  
18 Felis catus that are registered by the American Cat Fanciers Association  
19 or the International Cat Association provided that such cats be without  
20 any wild felid parentage for a minimum of five generations,

21 (3) Canidae (with the exception of domesticated dogs and captive bred  
22 fennec foxes (vulpes zerda)),

23 (4) Ursidae,

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

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1 (5) All reptiles that are venomous by nature, pursuant to department  
2 regulation, and the following species and orders: Burmese Python (Python  
3 m. bivittatus), Reticulated Python (Python reticulatus), African Rock  
4 Python (Python sabae), Green Anaconda (Eunectes maurinus), Yellow  
5 Anaconda (Eunectes notaeus), Australian Amethystine Python (Morelia  
6 amethystina and Morelia kinghorni), Indian Python (Python molurus),  
7 Asiatic (water) Monitor (Varanus salvator), Nile Monitor (Varanus nilo-  
8 citus), White Throat Monitor (Varanus albigularis), Black Throat Monitor  
9 (Varanus albigularis ionides) and Crocodile Monitor (Varanus salvadori),  
10 Komodo Dragon (Varanus komodensis) and any hybrid thereof,

11 (6) Crocodylia,

12 (7) Macropodidae including but not limited to kangaroos, wallabies,  
13 tree-kangaroos, wallaroos, pademelons and quokkas,

14 (8) Cetacea (including whales and dolphins),

15 (9) Elephantidae (elephants),

16 (10) Hyaenidae (hyenas),

17 (11) Perissodactyla (including rhinoceroses, tapirs and zebras),

18 (12) Pinnipedia (including seals, sea lions and walruses),

19 (13) Xenarthra (including sloths, anteaters and armadillos),

20 (14) Viverridae (including bearcats),

21 (15) Cynomys, and

22 (16) Capybaras.

23 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.