

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3829

To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain interstate conduct relating to exotic animals.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 15, 2007

Mr. COHEN (for himself and Mr. WHITFIELD) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Sportsmanship in
5 Hunting Act of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRANSPORT OR POSSESSION OF EXOTIC ANIMALS**
2 **FOR PURPOSES OF KILLING OR INJURING**
3 **THEM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 3 of title 18, United
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing:

7 **“§ 49. Exotic animals**

8 “(a) PROHIBITION.—Whoever, in or affecting inter-
9 state or foreign commerce, knowingly transfers, trans-
10 ports, or possesses a confined exotic animal, for the pur-
11 poses of allowing the killing or injuring of that animal for
12 entertainment or for the collection of a trophy, shall be
13 fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 1 year,
14 or both.

15 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

16 “(1) the term ‘confined exotic animal’ means a
17 mammal of a species not indigenous to the United
18 States, that has been held in captivity—

19 “(A) the majority of the animal’s life; or

20 “(B) a period of 1 year; and

21 “(2) the term ‘captivity’ does not include any
22 period during which an animal lives as it would in
23 the wild—

24 “(A) surviving primarily by foraging for
25 naturally occurring food;

1 “(B) roaming at will over an open area of
2 not less than 1,000 acres; and

3 “(C) having the opportunity to avoid hunt-
4 ers.”.

5 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
6 tions at the beginning of chapter 3 of title 18, United
7 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
8 lowing new item:

“49. Exotic animals.”.

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