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**SYNOPSIS**

“Nosey’s Law”; prohibits use of elephants in traveling animal acts.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning the use of elephants in traveling animal acts,  
2 designated as Nosey's Law, and supplementing Title 23 of the  
3 Revised Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. a. Notwithstanding any other law, or any rule or regulation  
9 adopted pursuant thereto, to the contrary, no person shall use an  
10 elephant in a traveling animal act.

11 b. Any person who violates this section shall be subject to the  
12 penalties provided in section 10 of P.L.1973, c.309 (C.23:2A-10),  
13 except that the criminal penalties provided in subsection f. of that  
14 section shall not apply.

15 c. As used in this section:

16 "Mobile or traveling housing facility" means a vehicle, including  
17 a truck, trailer, or railway car, used to transport or house an animal  
18 used for performance.

19 "Performance" means any animal act, carnival, circus, display,  
20 exhibition, exposition, fair, parade, petting zoo, presentation, public  
21 showing, race, ride, trade show, or similar undertaking in which  
22 animals perform tricks, give rides, or participate as accompaniments  
23 for the entertainment, amusement, or benefit of a live audience.

24 "Traveling animal act" means any performance which requires  
25 an animal to be transported to or from the location of the  
26 performance in a mobile or traveling housing facility.

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28 2. This act shall take effect immediately.  
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31 STATEMENT  
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33 This bill, to be known as "Nosey's Law," would prohibit the use  
34 of elephants in traveling animal acts. A traveling animal act is  
35 defined in the bill as any performance which requires an animal to  
36 be transported to or from the location of the performance in a  
37 mobile or traveling housing facility. A mobile or traveling housing  
38 facility is defined in the bill as a vehicle, including a truck, trailer,  
39 or railway car, used to transport or house an animal used for  
40 performance. Any person who violates this bill would be subject to  
41 the penalties provided in section 10 of "The Endangered and  
42 Nongame Species Conservation Act," P.L.1973, c.309 (C.23:2A-  
43 10). This would include civil administrative penalties, civil  
44 penalties, and injunctive relief, but not the criminal penalties in  
45 subsection f. of that section.

46 Nosey is an elephant who is virtually crippled by arthritis, and  
47 who is forced to travel the country to give rides at fairs, flea  
48 markets, and other events. The arthritis has likely caused Nosey

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1 unnecessary suffering and permanent disability, and reports indicate  
2 that Nosey has been denied necessary veterinary care. Despite this,  
3 the U.S. Department of Agriculture has failed to take action to  
4 protect Nosey, and Nosey's owners continue to use her in shows.  
5 This bill would prohibit such shows in New Jersey.