



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB5758

by Rep. Sara Feigenholtz

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

520 ILCS 10/9

from Ch. 8, par. 339

520 ILCS 10/12 new

Amends the Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act. Provides that any person who houses, possesses, or is in direct contact with an elephant shall not use a bullhook, ankus, baseball bat, axe handle, pitchfork, or similar device designed to inflict pain for the purpose of training or controlling the behavior of an elephant or permit an employee, agent, or contractor to use a bullhook, ankus, baseball bat, axe handle, pitchfork, or similar device designed to inflict pain for the purpose of training or controlling the behavior of an elephant. Provides that any person who violates this provision shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$500 nor more than \$10,000 for each violation, and shall be subject to permit revocation under the Act. Provides that the Department of Natural Resources may adopt rules to enforce this prohibition. Effective on January 1, 2017.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning wildlife.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act
5 is amended by changing Section 9 and by adding Section 12 as
6 follows:

7 (520 ILCS 10/9) (from Ch. 8, par. 339)

8 Sec. 9.

9 Any person who violates any provision of this Act, except
10 Section 12, shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

11 (Source: P.A. 77-2830.)

12 (520 ILCS 10/12 new)

13 Sec. 12. Use of bullhooks or similar devices on elephants
14 prohibited.

15 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any person
16 who houses, possesses, or is in direct contact with an elephant
17 shall not:

18 (1) use a bullhook, ankus, baseball bat, axe handle,
19 pitchfork, or similar device designed to inflict pain for
20 the purpose of training or controlling the behavior of an
21 elephant; or

22 (2) permit an employee, agent, or contractor to use a

1 bullhook, ankus, baseball bat, axe handle, pitchfork, or
2 similar device designed to inflict pain for the purpose of
3 training or controlling the behavior of an elephant.

4 The activities prohibited by this subsection (a) include
5 brandishing, exhibiting, or displaying those devices in the
6 presence of an elephant.

7 (b) Any person who violates this Section shall be subject
8 to a civil penalty of not less than \$500 nor more than \$10,000
9 for each violation, and shall be subject to permit revocation
10 under this Act.

11 (c) The Department may adopt rules to enforce this Section.

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January
13 1, 2017.