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CHAPTER 270

AN ACT to create 29.585 of the statutes, relating to wildlife exhibit licenses, granting rule-making power and providing a penalty.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

29.585 of the statutes is created to read:

29.585 WILDLIFE EXHIBIT LICENSES. (1) The conservation commission may grant licenses for wildlife exhibits which are defined as any place where one or more live wild animals are kept in captivity for

the purpose of exhibition or for advertising purposes. The form of application and license shall be prescribed by the commission.

(2) (a) The term "wildlife exhibit" shall not include the exhibition of any live wild animal by any educational institution, state department, public zoo or park or garden, circus or theatrical exhibition or any such exhibition sponsored by any organization with the approval of the conservation director.

(b) The term "wild animal" as used in this section means any mammal or bird of a wild nature as distinguished from domestic animals under the common law or under the Wisconsin statutes whether or not such mammal or bird was bred or reared in captivity.

(3) No wildlife exhibition license shall be granted by the conservation commission until it is satisfied that the provisions for housing and caring for such wild animals and for protecting the public are proper and adequate and in accordance with the standards therefor established by the commission.

(4) The conservation commission shall adopt and enforce rules and regulations for the housing, care, treatment, feeding and sanitation of wild animals kept in wildlife exhibits and for the protection of the public from injury by such wild animals.

(5) It is unlawful for any person to keep any live wild animal in captivity for the purpose of exhibition or for advertising purposes or to have any wild animal in his custody or under his control for such purpose, unless a wildlife exhibit license has been issued by the commission. Such license shall be required in addition to game bird and animal farm, deer farm or fur farm licenses required by statute for the possession, breeding, propagating or dealing of such wild animals when such licensed farms are wildlife exhibits as defined in sub. (1). The fee for such license shall be \$10 and such license shall expire annually on December 31.

(6) Each licensee shall file an annual, verified report with the commission within 30 days after the expiration of such license containing such information on the operation of the wildlife exhibit as the commission may require and on forms furnished by the commission.

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