

CHAPTER 71

AGRICULTURE

HOUSE BILL 26-1133

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Duran and Valdez, Camacho, Froelich, Goldstein, Lindsay, Nguyen, Rutinel;
also SENATOR(S) Lindstedt, Amabile, Cutter, Wallace, Coleman.

AN ACT

**CONCERNING AN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM THAT IS CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THE
"TRAVELING ANIMAL PROTECTION ACT".**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly finds and declares that:

(a) The "Traveling Animal Protection Act", section 33-1-126, Colorado Revised Statutes, prohibits certain uses of specific animals but does not prohibit the use of livestock or equine in any way; and

(b) Nothing in this act prohibits the transportation of livestock or equine within, into, or out of the state.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 33-1-126, **amend** (2)(b)(II); and **add** (2)(c.5) as follows:

33-1-126. Prohibiting certain animals in a traveling animal act - short title - definitions.

(2) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

(b) "Environmental education program" means an animal exhibition that:

(II) Is conducted by ~~an individual~~ A PROFESSIONAL qualified to impart such information; and

(c.5) "PROFESSIONAL" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL OR AN ORGANIZATION THAT HAS

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OBTAINED A PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION OR CERTIFICATION FROM AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- (I) THE ASSOCIATION OF ZOOS AND AQUARIUMS;
- (II) THE GLOBAL FEDERATION OF ANIMAL SANCTUARIES; OR
- (III) THE AMERICAN SANCTUARY ASSOCIATION.

SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

Approved: April 23, 2026