
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 361—ASSEMBLYMEN
SWANK; OHRENSCHALL AND TITUS

MARCH 17, 2015

JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR MANENDO

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Enacts provisions relating to captive wild animals.
(BDR 20-776)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to animals; authorizing a board of county commissioners to adopt an ordinance regulating the importation, possession, sale, transfer or breeding of a captive wild animal; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law confers authority upon a board of county commissioners and a city
2 council to enact certain restrictions and regulations on animals, including, for
3 example, prohibiting cruelty to animals and fixing, imposing and collecting license
4 fees. (NRS 244.359, 266.325)

5 **Section 2** of this bill authorizes a board of county commissioners to adopt an
6 ordinance to regulate the importation, possession, sale, transfer or breeding of a
7 captive wild animal.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** The Legislature finds and declares that the
2 ownership of captive wild animals among persons in this State is a
3 matter of public policy that needs to be addressed.



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1 **Sec. 2.** Chapter 244 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 **1. *A board of county commissioners may adopt an ordinance***
4 ***to regulate the importation, possession, sale, transfer or breeding***
5 ***of a captive wild animal.***

6 **2. *An ordinance adopted pursuant to subsection 1 may***
7 ***provide for, without limitation, reasonable and necessary fees,***
8 ***registration requirements, humane care standards for captive wild***
9 ***animals and the definition of "captive wild animal."***

10 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.

