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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in special licenses and permits, further providing  
3 for the definition of "exotic wildlife."

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. The definition of "exotic wildlife" in section  
7 2961 of Title 34 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is  
8 amended to read:

9 § 2961. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this subchapter  
11 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
12 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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14 "Exotic wildlife." The phrase includes, but is not limited  
15 to, all bears, coyotes, lions, tigers, leopards, jaguars,

16 cheetahs, cougars, wolves and any crossbreed of these animals  
17 which have similar characteristics in appearance or features.

18 The definition is applicable whether or not the birds or animals

1 were bred or reared in captivity or imported from another state  
2 or nation. The term shall not include a member of the classes  
3 Erinaceidae (hedgehogs and moonrats) or Petauridae (gliders and  
4 striped possums), which shall be lawful to own or possess as  
5 pets.

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7 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.