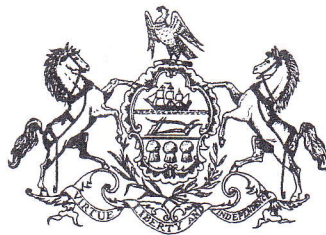


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**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: February 7, 2011  
RE: Introduction of Legislation  
TO: All House Members  
FROM: Representative Ed Staback *ES*

In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation that amends Title 34 (Game) to ban the personal ownership of exotic animals as pets in Pennsylvania.

Under current law, a permit from the Pennsylvania Game Commission is required to own these wild animals. My bill would end that permitting process on January 1, 2012; however, the legislation would allow those who have been awarded a permit before that date to keep the animal. After January 1, 2012, no new permits would be given by the commission.

Some of the animals included in the proposed ban are bears, lions, tigers, leopards, wolves and primates.

Too often we learn of terrible animal attacks involving caged wild animals. This legislation will specify that ownership of certain wild animals for private entertainment will be considered mistreatment of that wildlife, and thereby protecting the safety of Pennsylvanians as well as these animals.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this bill, please contact Julie at 783-5043 or by email at [jfoley@pahouse.net](mailto:jfoley@pahouse.net).