

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 453 Session of  
2003

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for the prevention of the  
3 utilization of bull hooks in connection with elephants.

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

6 Section 1. Section 5511(q) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a definition and the  
8 section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

9 § 5511. Cruelty to animals.

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11 (c.1) Cruelty to elephants to maintain obedience.--A person  
12 commits a summary offense if he utilizes, or allows to be  
13 utilized, a bull hook to beat, discipline, prod, train, yank or  
14 otherwise control any elephant.

15 \* \* \*

16 (q) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following  
17 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this  
18 subsection:

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2       "Bull hook." A sharpened steel hook at the end of a long  
3 handle or stick; an ankus; an elephant goad; an elephant hook.

4       \* \* \*

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