

**HB 3214 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Judiciary**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Prohibits using specific types of animals in a traveling animal act. Creates exceptions for: facilities accredited by specific bodies; educational programs with limitations on the time the animal spends away from their permanent facility with requirements that the person have either a permit or license from State Fish and Wildlife; a licensed or accredited academic, medical or research institution; or a licensed veterinary hospital or clinic. Defines "education program," "performance," and "traveling animal act." Makes violation a Class B misdemeanor and allows a court to require the violator to forfeit any rights to the animal.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

House Bill 3214 prohibits using specific types of animals in a traveling animal act and creates certain exceptions; allows for court-ordered forfeiture of a person's rights to the animals; makes violation a Class B misdemeanor, which allows for a maximum of \$2,500 fine, up to six months imprisonment.