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HOUSE BILL 126

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011

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AN ACT

RELATING TO CRIMINAL LAW; PROHIBITING INTERFERENCE WITH ZOO ANIMALS; PROVIDING A PENALTY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. A new section of the Criminal Code is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] INTERFERENCE WITH A ZOO ANIMAL.--

A. Interference with a zoo animal consists of the intentional unauthorized entry into an animal enclosure or habitat at a zoo while an animal is present.

B. Whoever commits interference with a zoo animal is guilty of a petty misdemeanor.

C. As used in this section:

(1) "animal enclosure or habitat" means any cage, structure, building, fenced area or other premises where

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1 an animal is kept, handled, housed, exhibited or bred; and
2 (2) "zoo" means a zoological park that is open
3 to the public for viewing of animals and that is inspected by
4 the United States department of agriculture."

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