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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Commissioner of  
9 Conservation and Natural Resources may issue an  
10 annual permit to a person at a cost of \$25  
11 authorizing the person to possess wildlife for  
12 public exhibition purposes.

13 This bill would allow the commissioner to  
14 also establish reasonable and necessary fees in  
15 amounts sufficient to cover the costs of  
16 administering and enforcing the wildlife public  
17 exhibition regulations.

18 This bill would also delete the provision  
19 that the wildlife public exhibition regulations do  
20 not apply to privately owned traveling zoos and  
21 would provide that the regulations do not apply to  
22 four-year universities, provided that the  
23 guidelines of the institutions' Institutional  
24 Animal Care and Use Committee are followed.

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26 A BILL  
27 TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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3 To amend Sections 9-11-324 and 9-11-328, Code of  
4 Alabama 1975, to allow the Commissioner of Conservation and  
5 Natural Resources to establish reasonable and necessary fees  
6 in certain amounts for the administration and enforcement of  
7 the wildlife public exhibition regulations; to delete the  
8 provision that the wildlife public exhibition regulations do  
9 not apply to privately owned traveling zoos; and to exempt  
10 four-year colleges in compliance with certain guidelines from  
11 the wildlife public exhibition regulations.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

13 Section 1. Sections 9-11-324 and 9-11-328, Code of  
14 Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

15 "§9-11-324.

16 "(a) The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural  
17 Resources, upon application of any person qualified by  
18 education or experience in the care and treatment of wildlife,  
19 may issue an annual permit to ~~such~~ the person ~~at a cost of~~  
20 ~~\$25.00,~~ under ~~such~~ terms and conditions as he or she  
21 prescribes, to possess wildlife for public exhibition purposes  
22 in accordance with this article and regulations adopted  
23 pursuant thereto and shall establish reasonable and necessary  
24 fees in amounts sufficient to cover the costs of administering  
25 and enforcing this article.

26 "(b) Each application for a permit shall include:

1           "(1) A statement regarding ~~such~~ the person's  
2 education or experience in the care and treatment of wildlife  
3 and that of any individual employed by ~~such~~ the person for  
4 such purpose;

5           "(2) A description of the facilities used to keep  
6 the wildlife in captivity;

7           "(3) A statement of the number of species or  
8 subspecies of wildlife to be covered by the permit and a  
9 statement relative to where or from whom ~~such~~ the wildlife was  
10 acquired;

11           "(4) A signed agreement that recommended standards  
12 for wildlife exhibitors as promulgated by the Commissioner of  
13 Conservation and Natural Resources will be adopted and adhered  
14 to; and

15           "(5) ~~Such~~ Any other information ~~as~~ the Commissioner  
16 of Conservation and Natural Resources deems appropriate.

17           "§9-11-328.

18           "The provisions of the article shall not apply to  
19 any municipal, county, or state ~~or other publicly~~ owned zoo ~~or~~  
20 ~~wildlife exhibit, privately owned traveling zoo~~ or any  
21 circus, or pet shop, or four-year university or its  
22 affiliates, provided that the guidelines of the institution's  
23 Institutional Animal and Use Committee are followed."

24           Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
25 first day of the third month following its passage and  
26 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.