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STATE OF COLORADO**

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HOUSE BILL 26-1133

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Duran and Valdez,

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

House Committees
Business Affairs & Labor

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING AN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM THAT IS**
102 **CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THE "TRAVELING ANIMAL**
103 **PROTECTION ACT".**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The "Traveling Animal Protection Act" permits the use of certain animals as part of an environmental education program if certain requirements are met. The bill clarifies that an environmental education program is a program that is conducted by a professional who is qualified to impart environmental education information. The bill defines

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

"professional" as an individual or an organization that has obtained at least one specific professional environmental education accreditation or certification.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 33-1-126, **amend**
3 (2)(b)(II); and **add** (2)(c.5) as follows:

4 **33-1-126. Prohibiting certain animals in a traveling animal act**
5 **- short title - definitions.**

6 (2) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

7 (b) "Environmental education program" means an animal
8 exhibition that:

9 (II) Is conducted by ~~an individual~~ A PROFESSIONAL qualified to
10 impart such information; and

11 (c.5) "PROFESSIONAL" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL OR AN
12 ORGANIZATION THAT HAS OBTAINED A PROFESSIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL
13 EDUCATION ACCREDITATION OR CERTIFICATION FROM AT LEAST ONE OF
14 THE FOLLOWING:

15 (I) THE ASSOCIATION OF ZOOS AND AQUARIUMS;

16 (II) THE GLOBAL FEDERATION OF ANIMAL SANCTUARIES; OR

17 (III) THE AMERICAN SANCTUARY ASSOCIATION.

18 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
19 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
20 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
21 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a
22 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
23 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
24 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect

1 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
2 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
3 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.