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H. R. 4997

To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit interstate-connected conduct relating to exotic animals.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 19, 1994

Mr. BROWN of California (for himself, Mr. EDWARDS of California, Mr. BEIL-ENSON, Mr. WILSON, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. MEEHAN, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. TORRES, Mr. FARR of California, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. STUDDS, Mr. NADLER, Mr. MANN, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. MORAN, Mr. SWETT, and Ms. PELOSI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Captive Exotic Animal
5 Protection Act of 1994”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRANSPORT OR POSSESSION OF EXOTIC ANIMALS**
2 **FOR PURPOSES OF KILLING OR INJURING**
3 **THEM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 3 of title 18, United
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the follow-
6 ing:

7 **“§ 48. Exotic animals**

8 “(a) Whoever, in or affecting interstate or foreign
9 commerce, knowingly transfers, transports, or possesses a
10 confined exotic animal, for the purposes of allowing the
11 killing or injuring of that animal for entertainment or the
12 collection of a trophy, shall be fined under this title or
13 imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

14 “(b) As used in this section, the term ‘confined exotic
15 animal’ means a mammal of a species not historically in-
16 digenous to the United States that in fact has been held
17 in captivity for the shorter of—

18 “(1) the greater part of the animal’s life; or

19 “(2) a period of one year;

20 whether or not the defendant knew the length of the cap-
21 tivity.”.

22 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
23 at the end of chapter 3 of title 18, United States Code,
24 is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

“48. Exotic animals.”.