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HOUSE BILL NO. 2483

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

on _____)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Kory)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 3.2-6594 of the Code of Virginia, relating to dangerous captive animal; elephants; definition.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 3.2-6594 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 3.2-6594. Definitions.

As used in this article:

"Dangerous captive animal" means any bear, cougar, elephant, jaguar, leopard, lion, nonhuman primate, or tiger, or any hybrid of any such animal. "Dangerous captive animal" does not include a clouded leopard.

"Direct contact" means physical contact or proximity where physical contact is possible, including an opportunity for photography without a permanent physical barrier designed to prevent physical contact between the public and a dangerous captive animal.

"Keeper" means any person, as defined in § 1-230, who owns, has custody of, or is in control of a dangerous captive animal.

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