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H. R. 2929

To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain conduct relating to elephants.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 23, 1999

Mr. FARR of California (for himself, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. STARK, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. WEINER, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. HALL of Ohio, and Mr. TANCREDO) 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 Elephant Acci-
5 dent Prevention Act of 1999".

1 **SEC. 2. ELEPHANT SHOWS AND RIDES.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL. Chapter 89 of title 18, United
3 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing:

5 **"§ 1822. Elephant shows and rides**

6 "(a) Whoever, in or affecting interstate or foreign
7 commerce, knowingly makes available any elephant for

8 "(1) use in a travelling show or circus; or

9 "(2) the purpose of allowing individuals to ride
10 that elephant;

11 shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than
12 1 year, or both. In the case of a conviction of a person
13 who has previously been convicted for another offense
14 under this section, the offender shall be fined under this
15 title or imprisoned not more than 2 years, or both.

16 "(b) In this section, the term 'travelling show or cir-
17 cus' means a show or circus that spends most of its work-
18 ing time each year away from its permanent facility."

19 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT. The table of sections
20 at the beginning of chapter 89 of title 18, United States
21 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
22 item:

"1822. Elephant shows and rides."

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