

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 361—ASSEMBLYMEN  
SWANK; OHRENSCHALL AND TITUS

MARCH 17, 2015

JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR MANENDO

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Enacts provisions relating to captive wild animals.  
(BDR 20-776)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to animals; authorizing a board of county commissioners to adopt an ordinance regulating the importation, possession, sale, transfer or breeding of a captive wild animal; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Existing law confers authority upon a board of county commissioners and a city council to enact certain restrictions and regulations on animals, including, for example, prohibiting cruelty to animals and fixing, imposing and collecting license fees. (NRS 244.359, 266.325)

**Section 2** of this bill authorizes a board of county commissioners to adopt an ordinance to regulate the importation, possession, sale, transfer or breeding of a captive wild animal.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** The Legislature finds and declares that the ownership of captive wild animals among persons in this State is a matter of public policy that needs to be addressed.



1     **Sec. 2.** Chapter 244 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3     ***1. A board of county commissioners may adopt an ordinance***  
4 ***to regulate the importation, possession, sale, transfer or breeding***  
5 ***of a captive wild animal.***

6     ***2. An ordinance adopted pursuant to subsection 1 may***  
7 ***provide for, without limitation, reasonable and necessary fees,***  
8 ***registration requirements, humane care standards for captive wild***  
9 ***animals and the definition of "captive wild animal."***

10     **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.

