

No. 66

AN ACT

HB 54

Prohibiting the sale of certain wild animals or wild animal products.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. (a) An offer to sell or the sale of the following wild animals or wild animal products, or any part thereof, whether raw or manufactured, is prohibited:

- (1) Leopard (*Panthera pardus*).
- (2) Snow Leopard (*Uucia uncia*).
- (3) Clouded Leopard (*Felis nebulosa*).
- (4) Tiger (*Panthera tigris*).
- (5) Cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus*).
- (6) Alligators.
- (7) Caiman or Crocodile of the Order Crocodylia.
- (8) Vicuna (*Vicugna vicugna*).
- (9) Red Wolf (*Canis niger*).
- (10) Polar Bear (*Thalarctos maritimus*).
- (11) Mountain Lion, sometimes called Cougar (*Felis concolor*).
- (12) Jaguar (*Panthera onca*).
- (13) Ocelot (*Felis pardalis*).
- (14) Margay (*Felis wiedii*).

(b) Any law enforcement officer shall have authority to execute any warrant to search for and seize any goods, merchandise or wildlife sold or offered for sale in violation of this act, or any property or item used in connection with a violation of this act. Goods, merchandise, wildlife or property which are seized shall be held pending proceedings in any court. Upon conviction, the seized goods, merchandise or wildlife shall be forfeited; and, upon forfeiture, either offered to a recognized institution for scientific or educational purposes, or destroyed, or disposed of as the court shall direct.

(c) Whoever violates the provisions of this act is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or undergo imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both.

Section 2. The Pennsylvania Game Commission may permit, under such terms and conditions as it may prescribe, the importation of any species or subspecies of fish or wildlife listed in this act for zoological, menagerie, educational, and scientific purposes, and for the propagation of such fish or wildlife in captivity for preservation purposes, unless such importation is prohibited by any Federal law or regulation.

Section 3. This act shall apply to animals or the products from animals that are captured or killed after the effective date of this act.

APPROVED—The 30th day of July, A. D. 1971.

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 66.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "C. McLaughlin Tucker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "C".

Secretary of the Commonwealth.