

## HR 4122

Big Cats and Public Safety Protection Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Animals

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Rep. Holt, Rush [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Sep 11, 2012
Rep. Honda, Michael M. [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Sep 11, 2012

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Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Sep 11, 2012
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Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Sep 21, 2012
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Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Dec 19, 2012
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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 9, 2012

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Animals

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 3547	Identical bill	<b>Sep 13, 2012:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Big Cats and Public Safety Protection Act - Amends the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit any person from importing, exporting, transporting, selling, receiving, acquiring, purchasing, breeding, possessing, or owning any prohibited wildlife species (current law prohibits importing, exporting, transporting, selling, receiving, acquiring, or purchasing such a species in interstate or foreign commerce). Includes among exemptions to such prohibition the: (1) breeding of such species by authorized persons; and (2) transportation, possession, or ownership of such species by authorized persons.

Defines "breeding" as facilitating the reproduction of prohibited wildlife species (any live species of lion, tiger, leopard, cheetah, jaguar, or cougar or any hybrid of such species) for commercial use.

Removes from the list of persons authorized to import, export, transport, sell, receive, acquire, breed, possess, own, or purchase such species a person that is licensed or registered, and inspected, by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) or any other federal agency with respect to such species. Includes in such list: (1) a zoo accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums; (2) a wildlife sanctuary that cares for such species, is a tax exempt corporation, does not commercially trade in or propagate such species, does not allow direct contact between the public and animals, and does not allow the transport and display of such species off-site; and (3) a person that is in possession of animals of such species that were born before the date of this Act's enactment and that are registered with APHIS within six months after such regulations are promulgated.

Establishes civil and criminal penalties and forfeiture requirements for violations of this Act.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Mar 9, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs.
- **Mar 1, 2012:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 1, 2012:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.