

## S 1381

### Big Cats and Public Safety Protection Act

**Congress:** 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Animals

**Introduced:** Jul 29, 2013

**Current Status:** Committee on Environment and Public Works Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 113-772. (Jul 16, 2014)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CT • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jul 29, 2013
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jul 29, 2013
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Sep 23, 2013
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Sep 26, 2013
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Oct 28, 2013
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Jul 30, 2014

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jul 16, 2014

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Animals

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 1998	Related bill	May 21, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs.

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 in interstate or foreign commerce, breeding, or possessing 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 breeding transportation, or possession of such species by authorized persons.

Defines "breeding" as facilitating the propagation or reproduction (whether intentionally or negligently), or failing to prevent the propagation or reproduction, of a prohibited wildlife species or other animal.

Removes from the list of persons authorized to import, export, transport, sell, receive, acquire, purchase, breed, or possess 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:

- an institution accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) or certified related facilities that coordinate with an AZA Species Survival Plan for breeding of species listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act of 1973;
- 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 transportation and display of such species off-site;
- 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 180 days after such regulations are promulgated; and
- a traveling circus that regularly travels in interstate commerce to conduct performances featuring live prohibited wildlife species and multiple trained human entertainers, that does not allow members of the public to be in direct contact with or unsafe proximity to a prohibited wildlife species of any age, and that, during the three years preceding this Act's enactment, has not been determined by the Secretary of Agriculture to have violated the Animal Welfare Act by reason of jeopardizing the health and well-being of a prohibited wildlife species.

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

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 16, 2014:** Committee on Environment and Public Works Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 113-772.
- **Jul 29, 2013:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 29, 2013:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.