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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, certain wildlife may be
9 held in captivity for public exhibition purposes,
10 subject to rules adopted by the Department of
11 Conservation and Natural Resources. However, a
12 publicly owned zoo or wildlife exhibit or a
13 privately owned traveling zoo, circus, or pet shop
14 is not subject to this law or associated rules
15 adopted by the department.

16 This bill would expressly prohibit a
17 municipal, county, state, or other publicly owned
18 zoo or wildlife exhibit or a privately owned
19 traveling zoo, circus, or pet shop from importing
20 or causing to be imported any species of the family
21 Cervidae into the state.

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23 A BILL
24 TO BE ENTITLED
25 AN ACT
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1 To amend Section 9-11-328, Code of Alabama 1975,
2 relating to the possession of wildlife in captivity for public
3 exhibition purposes; to prohibit a municipal, county, state,
4 or other publicly owned zoo or wildlife exhibit or a privately
5 owned traveling zoo, circus, or pet shop from the importation
6 of any species of the family Cervidae into the state.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

8 Section 1. Section 9-11-328, Code of Alabama 1975,
9 is amended to read as follows:

10 "§9-11-328.

11 "(a) The provisions of the Except as provided in
12 subsection (b), this article shall not apply to any a
13 municipal, county, state, or other publicly owned zoo or
14 wildlife exhibit, or a privately owned traveling zoo, or
15 circus, or pet shop.

16 "(b) A municipal, county, state, or other publicly
17 owned zoo or wildlife exhibit, or a privately owned traveling
18 zoo, circus, or pet shop shall not import or cause to be
19 imported into the state any species of the family Cervidae."

20 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
21 first day of the third month following its passage and
22 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.