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To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain interstate conduct relating to exotic animals and certain computer-assisted remote hunting, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 16, 2011

Mr. COHEN (for himself, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, and Mr. LANGEVIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Sportsmanship in
5 Hunting Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRANSPORT OR POSSESSION OF EXOTIC ANIMALS**
2 **FOR PURPOSES OF KILLING OR INJURING**
3 **THEM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 3 of title 18, United
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing:

7 **“§ 49. Exotic animals**

8 “(a) CAPTIVE EXOTIC ANIMALS.—Whoever, in or af-
9 fecting interstate or foreign commerce, knowingly trans-
10 fers, transports, or possesses a confined exotic animal, for
11 the purposes of allowing the killing or injuring of that ani-
12 mal for entertainment or for the collection of a trophy,
13 shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than
14 1 year, or both.

15 “(b) COMPUTER-ASSISTED REMOTE HUNTING.—
16 Whoever, using any instrumentality of interstate or for-
17 eign commerce, knowingly makes available a computer-as-
18 sisted remote hunt shall be fined under this title or impris-
19 oned not more than 5 years, or both.

20 “(c) EXCEPTION.—Providing an instrumentality of
21 commerce, such as equipment or access to the Internet,
22 is not a violation of subsection (b) unless the provider has
23 knowledge that the equipment or access is to be used for
24 a computer-assisted remote hunt.

25 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

1 “(1) the term ‘confined exotic animal’ means a
2 mammal of a species not indigenous to the United
3 States that has been held in captivity—

4 “(A) the majority of the animal’s life; or

5 “(B) a continuous period of 1 year;

6 “(2) the term ‘captivity’ does not include any
7 period during which an animal lives as it would in
8 the wild—

9 “(A) surviving primarily by foraging for
10 naturally occurring food;

11 “(B) roaming at will over an open area of
12 not less than 1,000 acres; and

13 “(C) having the opportunity to avoid hunt-
14 ers;

15 “(3) the term ‘computer-assisted remote hunt’
16 means any use of a computer or other device, equip-
17 ment, or software to allow a person remotely to con-
18 trol the aiming and discharge of a weapon so as to
19 kill or injure an animal while not in the physical
20 presence of the targeted animal; and

21 “(4) the term ‘instrumentality of interstate
22 commerce’ means any written, wire, radio, television,
23 or other form of communication in, or using a facil-
24 ity of, interstate commerce.

1 “(e) CONSTRUCTION WITH OTHER LAW.—Nothing
2 in this section limits the power of State and local authori-
3 ties to enact laws or regulations concerning computer-as-
4 sisted remote hunting facilities.”.

5 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
6 tions at the beginning of chapter 3 of title 18, United
7 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
8 lowing new item:

“49. Exotic animals.”.

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