



**THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES**

Fight for Animals Abused in Traveling Shows

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Support HB 5293

- Promotes animal welfare
- Protects public safety

Intense confinement



Bullhooks, whips, electric prods



Bullhook injury



USDA licensure is not evidence of good animal care!

- Weak standards

- Animal Welfare Act (AWA) establishes only minimal guidelines
- AWA fails to require modern best practices

- Poor enforcement

- Office of Inspector General critical of USDA for weak enforcement
- Enforcement problems are getting worse



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TAKE ACTION

Action needed to help animals abused in traveling shows: Ask your state legislators to support HB 5293 with NO amendments.



Growing momentum

- 174 municipalities
- Several statewide bans, including our neighbors NY, RI, NJ
- MA ongoing
- Stamford, Bridgeport

Beulah's Bill



- Commerford Zoo's Beulah, forced to perform while sick, died at The Big E in West Springfield.
- Photo taken on 9/14/19, twelve hours before Beulah died.
- Commerford Zoo is based in Goshen, CT.

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- Exemption for ZAA
 - Deceptively named (sounds like the more reputable “AZA”)
 - ZAA has low welfare standards, numerous violations, and public safety problems
 - Unlike AZA, ZAA promotes private ownership of exotics
 - No ZAA-accredited facilities in CT

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What you can do



Ask your state representative and state senator to SUPPORT HB 5293. Let them know that you care about animals and that you VOTE!



Write letters to the editor in support of HB 5293; social media



Spread the word to other voters!



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