

**Senate Study Bill 1169 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
AGRICULTURE BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON ZUMBACH)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the definition of "circus" and making  
2 penalties applicable.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 717F.1, subsection 3, paragraph b,  
2 subparagraph (2), Code 2019, is amended to read as follows:

3 (2) Entertainment that involves an activity in which a  
4 member of the public is in close proximity to the dangerous  
5 wild animal, including but not limited to a contest, ~~or~~ a  
6 photographic opportunity, or a controlled ride on an animal  
7 defined in subsection 5, paragraph "a", subparagraph (6).

8 EXPLANATION

9 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
10 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

11 This bill expands exclusions to the definition of "circus"  
12 to include a controlled ride on an elephant.

13 Under current law, a circus is exempt from certain  
14 possession and registration requirements of dangerous wild  
15 animals pursuant to Code chapter 717F. An elephant is  
16 considered a dangerous wild animal pursuant to Code section  
17 717F.1. Under the bill, a person who owns or possesses an  
18 elephant for the purpose of offering controlled rides on the  
19 elephant shall not be considered to qualify as a circus, and if  
20 not otherwise meeting an exemption listed in Code chapter 717F  
21 is subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$200 and not more  
22 than \$2,000 for each wild animal involved in the violation.