

1 AN ACT in relation to criminal law.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Illinois Dangerous Animals Act is amended
5 by changing Sections 0.1 and 1 and adding Section 1.5 as
6 follows:

7 (720 ILCS 585/0.1) (from Ch. 8, par. 240)

8 Sec. 0.1. As used in this Act, unless the context
9 otherwise requires:

10 "Dangerous animal" means a lion, tiger, leopard, ocelot,
11 jaguar, cheetah, margay, mountain lion, lynx, bobcat,
12 jaguarundi, bear, hyena, wolf or coyote, or any poisonous or
13 life-threatening reptile.

14 "Owner" means any person who (a) has a right of property
15 in a dangerous animal, (b) keeps or harbors a dangerous
16 animal, (c) has a dangerous animal in his care, or (d) acts
17 as custodian of a dangerous animal.

18 "Person" means any individual, firm, association,
19 partnership, corporation, or other legal entity, any public
20 or private institution, the State of Illinois, or any
21 municipal corporation or political subdivision of the State.

22 "School" means a public or private pre-school,
23 elementary, or secondary school.

24 (Source: P.A. 84-28.)

25 (720 ILCS 585/1) (from Ch. 8, par. 241)

26 Sec. 1. No person shall have a right of property in,
27 keep, harbor, care for, act as custodian of or maintain in
28 his or her possession any dangerous animal except at a
29 properly maintained zoological park, federally licensed
30 exhibit, circus, scientific or post-secondary educational

1 institution, research laboratory, veterinary hospital or
2 animal refuge in an escape-proof enclosure.

3 (Source: P.A. 84-28.)

4 (720 ILCS 585/1.5 new)

5 Sec. 1.5. Dangerous animals; schools. No person shall
6 have a right of property in, keep, harbor, care for, act as
7 custodian of or maintain in his or her possession any
8 dangerous animal within 2,500 feet of any school building or
9 the real property comprising a school.