

HOUSE BILL 928

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By: **Delegate R. Baker**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Elephants - Entertainment Purposes - Prohibition**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the use of live elephants in Maryland for certain
4 entertainment purposes; providing for a penalty; and generally relating to the
5 use of live elephants for entertainment purposes.

6 BY adding to

7 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

8 Section 70F

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

14 70F.

15 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO A LIVE ELEPHANT USED IN A CARNIVAL,
16 CIRCUS, FAIR, CONTEST, PROMOTION, OR IN SIMILAR PUBLIC OR PRIVATE
17 ENTERTAINMENT.

18 (B) A PERSON MAY NOT USE A LIVE ELEPHANT FOR ENTERTAINMENT
19 PURPOSES WITHIN THE STATE.

20 (C) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF
21 A MISDEMEANOR AND, ON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING
22 \$2,500 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 6 MONTHS OR BOTH.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 1999.