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## A BILL

To prohibit the conducting of invasive research on great apes, and for other purposes.

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 “Great Ape Protection  
5 and Cost Savings Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

3 (1) chimpanzees are the only great apes cur-  
4 rently used in invasive research in the United  
5 States;

6 (2)(A) as of the date of introduction of this  
7 Act, there are approximately 1,000 chimpanzees  
8 housed in laboratories in the United States;

9 (B) more than ½ of these chimpanzees are  
10 owned by the Federal Government; and

11 (C) the vast majority are financially supported  
12 by the Federal Government;

13 (3) great apes are highly intelligent and social  
14 animals;

15 (4) research laboratory environments involving  
16 invasive research cannot meet the complex physical,  
17 social, and psychological needs of great apes;

18 (5) invasive research performed on great apes,  
19 and the breeding, housing, maintenance, and trans-  
20 port of great apes for these purposes, are economic  
21 in nature and substantially affect interstate com-  
22 merce;

23 (6) maintaining great apes in laboratories costs  
24 the Federal Government more than caring for great  
25 apes in suitable sanctuaries that are specifically de-

1 signed to provide adequate lifetime care for great  
2 apes; and

3 (7) the National Research Council report enti-  
4 tled “Chimpanzees in Research—Strategies for their  
5 Ethical Care, Management, and Use” concluded  
6 that—

7 (A) there is a “moral responsibility” for  
8 the long-term care of chimpanzees used for sci-  
9 entific research;

10 (B) there should be a moratorium on fur-  
11 ther chimpanzee breeding;

12 (C) euthanasia should not be used as a  
13 means to control the size of the great ape popu-  
14 lation; and

15 (D) sanctuaries should be created to house  
16 chimpanzees in a manner consistent with high  
17 standards of lifetime care, social enrichment,  
18 and cognitive development.

19 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are to—

20 (1) phase out invasive research on great apes  
21 and the use of Federal funding of such research,  
22 both within and outside of the United States;

23 (2) prohibit the transport of great apes for pur-  
24 poses of invasive research;

1           (3) prohibit the breeding of great apes for pur-  
2           poses of invasive research; and

3           (4) require the provision of lifetime care of  
4           great apes who are owned by or under the control  
5           of the Federal Government in a suitable sanctuary  
6           through the permanent retirement of the apes.

7 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

8           In this Act:

9           (1) **ASSIGNED TO AN ACTIVE PROTOCOL.**—The  
10          term “assigned to an active protocol” means that a  
11          great ape is supported by, or used pursuant to, pub-  
12          lic or private funding that requires invasive research.

13          (2) **GREAT APE.**—The term “great ape” means  
14          any individual of the following species:

15                 (A) Chimpanzee (*Pan troglodytes*).

16                 (B) Bonobo (*Pan paniscus*).

17                 (C) Gorilla (*Gorilla gorilla* or *Gorilla*  
18                 *beringei*).

19                 (D) Orangutan (*Pongo pygmaeus* or *Pongo*  
20                 *abelii*).

21                 (E) Gibbon (Family *Hylobatidae*).

22          (3) **INVASIVE RESEARCH.**—

23                 (A) **IN GENERAL.**—The term “invasive re-  
24                 search” means any research that may cause

1 death, injury, pain, distress, fear, or trauma to  
2 a great ape, including—

3 (i) the testing of any drug or inten-  
4 tional exposure to a substance that may be  
5 detrimental to the health or psychological  
6 well-being of a great ape;

7 (ii) research that involves penetrating  
8 or cutting the body or removing body  
9 parts, restraining, tranquilizing, or anes-  
10 thetizing a great ape; or

11 (iii) isolation, social deprivation, or  
12 other experimental manipulations that may  
13 be detrimental to the health or psycho-  
14 logical well-being of a great ape.

15 (B) EXCLUSIONS.—

16 (i) IN GENERAL.—The term “invasive  
17 research” does not include—

18 (I) close observation of natural or  
19 voluntary behavior of a great ape, if  
20 the research does not require an anes-  
21 thetic or sedation event to collect data  
22 or record observations;

23 (II) the temporary separation of  
24 a great ape from the social group of

1 the great ape, leaving and returning  
2 by the own volition of the great ape;

3 (III) post-mortem examination of  
4 a great ape that was not killed for the  
5 purpose of examination or research;  
6 and

7 (IV) the administration of a  
8 physical exam by a licensed veteri-  
9 narian or physician conducted for the  
10 well-being of the individual great ape.

11 (ii) PHYSICAL EXAM.—A physical  
12 exam conducted for the well-being of an in-  
13 dividual great ape, as described in clause  
14 (i)(IV), may include the collection of bio-  
15 logical samples to further the well-being of  
16 the individual great ape, the social group  
17 of the great ape, or the great ape species.

18 (4) PERMANENT RETIREMENT.—

19 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “permanent  
20 retirement” means a situation in which—

21 (i) a great ape is placed in a suitable  
22 sanctuary that will provide for the lifetime  
23 care of the great ape; and

24 (ii) the great ape will no longer be  
25 used in invasive research.

1 (B) EXCLUSION.—The term “permanent  
2 retirement” does not include euthanasia.

3 (5) PERSON.—The term “person” means—

4 (A) an individual, corporation, partnership,  
5 trust, association, or any other private or not-  
6 for-profit entity;

7 (B) any officer, employee, agent, depart-  
8 ment, or instrumentality of the Federal Govern-  
9 ment, a State, municipality, or political subdivi-  
10 sion of a State; or

11 (C) any other entity subject to the jurisdic-  
12 tion of the United States.

13 (6) SUITABLE SANCTUARY.—The term “suit-  
14 able sanctuary” means—

15 (A) a sanctuary that meets or exceeds the  
16 standards of care for chimpanzees held in the  
17 federally supported sanctuary system, as de-  
18 fined in part 9 of title 42, Code of Federal Reg-  
19 ulations; or

20 (B) a wildlife sanctuary that is a nonprofit  
21 organization that—

22 (i) operates a place of refuge where  
23 abused, neglected, unwanted, impounded,  
24 abandoned, orphaned, displaced, or retired

1 animals are provided care for the lifetime  
2 of the animal;

3 (ii) does not conduct invasive research  
4 on animals;

5 (iii) does not conduct any commercial  
6 activity with animals, including, at a min-  
7 imum, sale, trade, auction, lease, or loan of  
8 animals or animal parts, or use of animals  
9 in any manner in a for-profit business or  
10 operation;

11 (iv) does not use animals for enter-  
12 tainment purposes or in a traveling exhibit;

13 (v) does not breed any animals,  
14 whether intentionally or by failing to use  
15 adequate birth control methods; and

16 (vi) does not allow members of the  
17 public the opportunity to come into phys-  
18 ical contact with the animals.

19 **SEC. 4. PROHIBITIONS.**

20 (a) **INVASIVE RESEARCH PROHIBITED.**—No person  
21 shall conduct invasive research on a great ape.

22 (b) **HOUSING FOR INVASIVE RESEARCH PROHIB-**  
23 **ITED.**—No person shall possess, maintain, or house a  
24 great ape for the purpose of conducting invasive research.



1           (c) FEDERAL FUNDING FOR INVASIVE RESEARCH  
2 PROHIBITED.—No Federal funds may be used to conduct  
3 invasive research on a great ape or to support an entity  
4 conducting or facilitating invasive research on a great ape  
5 either within or outside of the United States.

6           (d) BREEDING FOR INVASIVE RESEARCH PROHIB-  
7 ITED.—No person shall knowingly breed a great ape for  
8 the purpose of conducting or facilitating invasive research.

9           (e) TRANSPORT FOR INVASIVE RESEARCH PROHIB-  
10 ITED.—No person shall transport, move, deliver, receive,  
11 lease, rent, donate, purchase, sell, or borrow a great ape  
12 in interstate or foreign commerce for the purpose of con-  
13 ducting or facilitating invasive research on a great ape.

14           (f) TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP PROHIBITED.—No  
15 Federal agency may transfer ownership of a great ape to  
16 a non-Federal entity unless the entity is a suitable sanc-  
17 tuary.

18           (g) EXEMPTION.—Nothing in this Act limits or pre-  
19 vents individualized medical care performed on a great ape  
20 by a licensed veterinarian or physician for the well-being  
21 of the great ape, including surgical procedures or chemical  
22 treatments for birth control.

23 **SEC. 5. RETIREMENT.**

24           Notwithstanding any other provision of law, not later  
25 than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the

1 Secretary of Health and Human Services shall effectuate  
2 the permanent retirement of all great apes owned by the  
3 Federal Government that are being maintained in any fa-  
4 cility for the purpose of breeding for, holding for, or con-  
5 ducting invasive research.

6 **SEC. 6. CIVIL PENALTIES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to any other penalties  
8 that may apply under law, any person who violates any  
9 provision of this Act shall be assessed a civil penalty of  
10 not more than \$10,000 for each violation.

11 (b) MULTIPLE VIOLATIONS.—Each day that a viola-  
12 tion of this Act continues shall constitute a separate of-  
13 fense.

14 **SEC. 7. GREAT APE SANCTUARY SYSTEM FUND.**

15 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND.—There is estab-  
16 lished in the Treasury of the United States a fund to be  
17 known as the “Great Ape Sanctuary System Fund” (re-  
18 ferred to in this section as the “Fund”), to be adminis-  
19 tered by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, to  
20 be available without fiscal year limitation and not subject  
21 to appropriation, for construction, renovation, and oper-  
22 ation of the sanctuary system established pursuant to sec-  
23 tion 481C of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
24 287a–3a).

25 (b) TRANSFERS TO FUND.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Fund shall consist of—

2 (A) such amounts as are appropriated to  
3 the Fund under paragraph (2); and

4 (B) such other amounts as are appro-  
5 priated to the Fund under this Act.

6 (2) CIVIL PENALTIES.—There are appropriated  
7 to the Fund, out of funds of the Treasury not other-  
8 wise appropriated, amounts equivalent to amounts  
9 collected as penalties and received in the Treasury  
10 under section 6.

11 (c) PROHIBITION.—Amounts in the Fund may not be  
12 made available for any purpose other than a purpose de-  
13 scribed in subsection (a).

14 (d) ANNUAL REPORTS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after  
16 the end of each fiscal year beginning with fiscal year  
17 2012, the Secretary of Health and Human Services  
18 shall submit to the appropriate committees of Con-  
19 gress a report on the operation of the Fund during  
20 the fiscal year.

21 (2) CONTENTS.—Each report shall include, for  
22 the fiscal year covered by the report, the following:

23 (A) A statement of the amounts deposited  
24 into the Fund.

1 (B) A description of the expenditures made  
2 from the Fund for the fiscal year, including the  
3 purpose of the expenditures.

4 (C) Recommendations for additional au-  
5 thorities to fulfill the purpose of the Fund.

6 (D) A statement of the balance remaining  
7 in the Fund at the end of the fiscal year.

8 **SEC. 8. EFFECTIVE DATES.**

9 (a) PROHIBITION ON RESEARCH.—The prohibition  
10 under section (4)(a) shall take effect—

11 (1) on the date that is 3 years after the date  
12 of enactment of this Act for great apes assigned to  
13 an active protocol on the date of enactment of this  
14 Act; or

15 (2) on the date of enactment of this Act for  
16 great apes not assigned to an active protocol on that  
17 date.

18 (b) PROHIBITION ON HOUSING AND FUNDING.—The  
19 prohibitions under subsections (b) and (c) of section 4  
20 shall take effect on the date that is 3 years after the date  
21 of enactment of this Act.

22 (c) OTHER REQUIREMENTS.—Any provision of this  
23 Act for which a specific effective date is not provided shall  
24 take effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 9. SEVERABILITY.**

2       In the event that any provision of this Act shall, for  
3 any reason, be held to be invalid or unenforceable in any  
4 respect, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect  
5 any other provision of this Act, and this Act shall be con-  
6 strued as if the invalid or unenforceable provision had  
7 never been included in this Act.

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