

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Lowry Park Zoo; recognizing the
3 Lowry Park Zoo as a state center for Florida species
4 conservation and biodiversity; providing for construction;
5 providing an effective date.

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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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9 Section 1. The Lowry Park Zoo, a not-for-profit
10 corporation located in the City of Tampa, is hereby recognized
11 as a state center for Florida species conservation and
12 biodiversity, including captive breeding, animal husbandry,
13 conservation education, veterinary care and rescue,
14 rehabilitation, research, and release of Florida's endangered
15 and threatened wildlife species, including, but not limited to,
16 the Florida manatee, Florida panther, red wolf, Key deer, Key
17 Largo wood rat, and whooping crane. Such recognition shall not
18 be construed as exempting the Lowry Park Zoo from the regulatory
19 purview of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation
20 Commission.

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.