

CHAPTER 2004-31

House Bill No. 457

An act relating to the Lowry Park Zoo; recognizing the Lowry Park Zoo as a state center for Florida species conservation and biodiversity; providing for construction; providing an effective date.

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor May 11, 2004.

Filed in Office Secretary of State May 11, 2004.