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To force animals to perform, circus trainers abuse them with whips, tight collars, muzzles, electric prods, bullhooks (heavy batons with a sharp steel hook on one end), and other painful tools of the circus trade. They even have special makeup for elephants to cover their wounds.

It is very hard to enforce animal cruelty laws because the circuses only stop in our state for a brief time. We must discourage them from coming here at all. This bill will do just that, and encourage the traveling acts to retire their animals to sanctuaries.