

Union Calendar No. 511

112TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 511

[Report No. 112–691, Part I]

To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation of various injurious species of constrictor snakes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 26, 2011

Mr. ROONEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

SEPTEMBER 28, 2012

Reported with an amendment and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources for a period ending not later than December 5, 2012, for consideration of such provisions of the bill and amendment as fall within the jurisdiction of that committee pursuant to clause 1(m), rule X

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

DECEMBER 5, 2012

Additional sponsors: Mr. RIVERA, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. WEST, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. FARR, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. PIERLUISI, Mr. POLIS, and Ms. CASTOR of Florida

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The Committee on Natural Resources discharged; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

A BILL

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importation of various injurious species of constrictor snakes.

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. IMPORTATION OR SHIPMENT OF INJURIOUS**
 4 **SPECIES.**

5 Section 42(a)(1) of title 18, United States Code, is
 6 amended in the first sentence by inserting after
 7 “polymorpha;” the following: “of the Indian python of the
 8 species *Python molurus*, including the Burmese python of
 9 the species *Python molurus bivittatus*; of the reticulated
 10 python of the species *Broghammerus reticulatus* or
 11 *Python reticulatus*; of the Northern African python of the
 12 species *Python sebae*; of the Southern African python of
 13 the species *Python natalensis*; of the boa constrictor of the
 14 species *Boa constrictor*; of the yellow anaconda of the spe-
 15 cies *Euneetes notaeus*; of the DeSchauensee’s anaconda
 16 of the species *Euneetes deschauenseei*; of the green ana-
 17 conda of the species *Euneetes murinus*; of the Beni ana-
 18 conda of the species *Euneetes beniensis*;”.

19 **SECTION 1. IMPORTATION OR SHIPMENT OF INJURIOUS**
 20 **SPECIES.**

21 *(a) INCLUSION OF CERTAIN CONSTRICTOR SNAKES AS*
 22 *INJURIOUS SPECIES.—Section 42(a)(1) of title 18, United*
 23 *States Code, is amended in the first sentence by inserting*
 24 *after “polymorpha;” the following: “of the Indian python*
 25 *of the species *Python molurus*, including the Burmese*

1 *python of the species Python molurus bivittatus; of the re-*
 2 *ticulated python of the species Broghammerus reticulatus*
 3 *or Python reticulatus; of the Northern African python of*
 4 *the species Python sebae; of the Southern African python*
 5 *of the species Python natalensis; of the boa constrictor of*
 6 *the species Boa constrictor; of the yellow anaconda of the*
 7 *species Eunectes notaeus; of the DeSchauensee’s anaconda*
 8 *of the species Eunectes deschauenseei; of the green anaconda*
 9 *of the species Eunectes murinus; of the Beni anaconda of*
 10 *the species Eunectes beniensis;”.*

11 (b) *REQUIREMENT THAT VIOLATION BE COMMITTED*
 12 *KNOWINGLY.*—Section 42(b) of such title is amended by
 13 striking “Whoever violates” and inserting “Whoever know-
 14 ingly violates”.

15 (c) *EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN ENTITIES IMPORTING*
 16 *OR SHIPPING CERTAIN SPECIES.*—Section 42 of such title
 17 is amended by inserting after subsection (c) the following:
 18 “(d)(1) Subsection (a)(1) shall not apply to a State
 19 fish and wildlife agency or an exhibitor in the case of the
 20 importation or shipment of—

21 “(A) the Indian python of the species *Python*
 22 *molurus*, including the Burmese python of the species
 23 *Python molurus bivittatus*;

24 “(B) the reticulated python of the species
 25 *Broghammerus reticulatus* or *Python reticulatus*;

1 “(C) the Northern African python of the species
2 *Python sebae*;

3 “(D) the Southern African python of the species
4 *Python natalensis*;

5 “(E) the boa constrictor of the species *Boa con-*
6 *strictor*;

7 “(F) the yellow anaconda of the species *Eunectes*
8 *notaeus*;

9 “(G) the DeSchauensee’s anaconda of the species
10 *Eunectes deschauenseei*;

11 “(H) the green anaconda of the species *Eunectes*
12 *murinus*; or

13 “(I) the Beni anaconda of the species *Eunectes*
14 *beniensis*.

15 “(2) For purposes of this subsection—

16 “(A) the term ‘exhibitor’ has the meaning given
17 such term in section 1.1 of title 9, Code of Federal
18 Regulations (as in effect on January 1, 2012); and

19 “(B) the term ‘State fish and wildlife agency’
20 has the meaning given such term in section 80.1 of
21 title 50, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on
22 January 1, 2012).”.

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