

113TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 412

To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the mainstem of the Nashua River and its tributaries in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. TSONGAS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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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 “Nashua River Wild
5 and Scenic River Study Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION FOR STUDY.**

2 Section 5(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16
3 U.S.C. 1276(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(_____) NASHUA RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS.—

6 (A) The approximately 19-mile segment of the
7 mainstem of the Nashua River from the confluence
8 of the North and South Nashua Rivers in Lancaster,
9 Massachusetts, north to the Massachusetts/New
10 Hampshire State line, and its tributaries, except the
11 approximately 4.8-mile segment of the mainstem of
12 the Nashua River from the Route 119 bridge in
13 Groton, Massachusetts, downstream to its confluence
14 with the Nissitissit River in Pepperell, Massachu-
15 setts.

16 “(B) The 10-mile segment of the Squannacook
17 River from its headwaters at Ash Swamp down-
18 stream to its confluence with the Nashua River in
19 Shirley/Ayer, Massachusetts.

20 “(C) The 3.5-mile segment of the Nissitissit
21 River from the Massachusetts/New Hampshire State
22 line downstream to its confluence with the Nashua
23 River in Pepperell, Massachusetts.”.

1 **SEC. 3. STUDY AND REPORT.**

2 Section 5(b) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16
3 U.S.C. 1276(b)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(____) STUDY AND REPORT.—Not later than
6 3 years after the date on which funds are made
7 available to carry out this paragraph, the Secretary
8 of the Interior shall complete the study of the Nash-
9 ua River in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, as
10 described in subsection (a)(____), and submit a
11 report describing the results of that study to the
12 Committee on Natural Resources of the House of
13 Representatives and the Committee on Energy and
14 Natural Resources of the Senate.”.

15 **SEC. 4. REPORT REQUIREMENTS.**

16 The report required under section 3 of this Act
17 shall—

18 (1) include a discussion of the effect of the des-
19 ignation of the area to be studied under this Act
20 under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act on—

21 (A) existing commercial and recreational
22 activities, such as hunting, fishing, trapping,
23 recreational shooting, motor boat use, or bridge
24 construction;

1 (B) the authorization, construction, oper-
2 ation, maintenance, or improvement of energy
3 production and transmission infrastructure; and

4 (C) the authority of State and local gov-
5 ernments to manage those activities encom-
6 passed in subparagraphs (A) and (B); and

7 (2) identify—

8 (A) all authorities that will authorize or re-
9 quire the Secretary of the Interior to influence
10 local land use decisions (such as zoning) or
11 place restrictions on non-Federal land if the
12 area studied under this Act is designated under
13 the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act;

14 (B) all authorities that the Secretary of
15 the Interior may use to condemn property if the
16 area studied under this Act is designated under
17 the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act; and

18 (C) all private property located in the area
19 to be studied under this Act.

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