

113TH CONGRESS
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S. 2530

To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation or exportation of mussels of a certain genus, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 25, 2014

Mr. HELLER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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 “Protecting Lakes
5 Against Quaggas Act of 2014” or as the “PLAQ Act of
6 2014”.

7 **SEC. 2. IN GENERAL.**

8 Section 42 of title 18, United States Code, is amend-
9 ed—

10 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

1 (A) by striking “of the zebra mussel of the
2 species *Dreissena polymorpha*”; and

3 (B) by inserting after “*Hypophthalmich-*
4 *thys nobilis*,” the following: “of the species of
5 mussels of the genus *Dreissena*”; and

6 (2) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(d) Nothing in this section applies to—

8 “(1) the importation or transportation of pro-
9 hibited species through the operation of a public
10 water system or a related water conveyance, storage,
11 or distribution facility; or

12 “(2) the possession or conveyance of water sup-
13 plies containing prohibited species by a public water
14 system operator.”.

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