

114TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 4019

To amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to prohibit the taking, importation, and exportation of Orcas and Orca products for public display, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 16, 2015

Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. KILMER, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Ms. LEE, Mr. POCAN, and Mr. KEATING) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to prohibit the taking, importation, and exportation of Orcas and Orca products for public display, and for other purposes.

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 “Orca Responsibility  
5 and Care Advancement Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON TAKING, IMPORTATION, AND EX-**  
2 **PORTATION OF ORCAS AND ORCA PRODUCTS**  
3 **FOR PUBLIC DISPLAY.**

4 (a) PROHIBITION ON PERMITS FOR TAKING OR IM-  
5 PORTATION.—Section 104(a) of the Marine Mammal Pro-  
6 tection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1374(a)) is amended by  
7 inserting “(1)” after “(a)”, and by adding at the end the  
8 following:

9 “(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no  
10 permit may be issued under this Act that authorizes the  
11 taking or importation of any marine mammal of the spe-  
12 cies *Orcinus orca*, or any marine mammal product that  
13 consists, or is composed in whole or in part, of such spe-  
14 cies, for the purpose of public display.”.

15 (b) PROHIBITION ON EXPORTATION FOR PUBLIC  
16 DISPLAY.—Section 102(a) of the Marine Mammal Protec-  
17 tion Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1372(a)) is amended by strik-  
18 ing “and” after the semicolon at the end of paragraph  
19 (4), by striking the period at the end of paragraph (5)  
20 and inserting “; and”, and by adding at the end the fol-  
21 lowing:

22 “(6) notwithstanding any other provision of  
23 law, to export any marine mammal of the species  
24 *Orcinus orca*, or any marine mammal product that  
25 consists, or is composed in whole or in part, of such  
26 species, for the purpose of public display.”.

1 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON BREEDING OF ORCAS.**

2 The Animal Welfare Act is amended by inserting  
3 after section 26 (7 U.S.C. 2156) the following new section:

4 **“SEC. 26A. BREEDING OF ORCAS.**

5 “It shall be unlawful for any person to artificially in-  
6 seminate or breed a marine mammal of the species  
7 *Orcinus orca* for exhibition purposes.”.

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