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H. R. 4245

To exempt importation and exportation of sea urchins and sea cucumbers from licensing requirements under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 11, 2015

Ms. PINGREE (for herself and Mr. POLIQUIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means and Foreign Affairs, 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 exempt importation and exportation of sea urchins and sea cucumbers from licensing requirements under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. EXEMPTION OF IMPORTATION AND EXPORTATION OF SEA URCHINS AND SEA CUCUMBERS FROM LICENSING REQUIREMENT.

(a) EXEMPTION.—Notwithstanding section 9(d)(1) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1538(d)(1)) and section 14.91 of title 50, Code of Federal

Regulations, any person may engage in business as an importer or exporter of fish or wildlife described in subsection (b) of this section without procuring an import/export license under such section of that Act or subpart I of part 14 of such title.

(b) COVERED FISH OR WILDLIFE.—The fish or wildlife referred to in subsection (a) are members of the phylum Echinodermata that are commonly known as sea urchins and sea cucumbers, including products thereof, that—

(1) do not require a permit under part 16, 17, or 23 of title 50, Code of Federal Regulations; and

(2) are—

(A) imported or exported for purposes of human or animal consumption; or

(B) taken in waters under the jurisdiction of the United States or on the high seas for recreational purposes.

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