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H. R. 2463

To prohibit the sale of shark parts, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 16, 2017

Mr. TED LIEU of California 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 “Shark Sales Elimi-
5 nation Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON SALE OF SHARK PARTS.**

7 (a) PROHIBITION.—Except as provided in section 3,
8 no person shall possess, offer for sale, sell, or purchase
9 any shark part or product containing any shark part.

10 (b) PENALTY.—For purposes of section 308(a) of the
11 Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Manage-
12 ment Act (16 U.S.C. 1858(a)), a violation of this section

1 shall be treated as an act prohibited by section 307 of
2 that Act (16 U.S.C. 1857).

3 **SEC. 3. EXEMPTION FOR TRADITIONAL FISHERIES, EDU-**
4 **CATION, AND SCIENCE.**

5 Section 2 shall not apply with respect to possession
6 of a shark part that was taken lawfully under a State,
7 territorial, or Federal license or permit to take or land
8 sharks, if the shark part is separated from the shark in
9 a manner consistent with the license or permit and is—

10 (1) destroyed or discarded;

11 (2) used for noncommercial subsistence pur-
12 poses in accordance with State or territorial law; or

13 (3) used solely for display or research purposes
14 by a museum, college, or university, or other person
15 under a State or Federal permit to conduct non-
16 commercial scientific research.

17 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

18 In this Act:

19 (1) SHARK.—The term “shark” means any spe-
20 cies of the orders Pristiophoriformes,
21 Squatiniformes, Squaliformes, Hexanchiformes,
22 Lamniformes, Carchariniformes, Orectolobiformes,
23 and Heterodontiformes.

1 (2) SHARK PART.—The term “shark part”
2 means any shark or raw, dried, or otherwise proc-
3 essed detached part of a shark.

4 **SEC. 5. STATE AUTHORITY.**

5 Nothing in this Act affects any right of a State or
6 territory of the United States to adopt or enforce any reg-
7 ulation or standard that is more stringent than a regula-
8 tion or standard in effect under this Act.

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