

115TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 6668

To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to remove freshwater mussels from the list of endangered and threatened species.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 10, 2018

Mr. ROKITA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## 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 “Modifying Unaccount-  
5 able Standards and Simplifying Endangered Lists” or the  
6 “MUSSELS Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REMOVAL OF FRESHWATER MUSSELS FROM EN-**  
2 **DANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES LIST.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4 of the Endangered Spe-  
4 cies Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1533) is amended by adding  
5 at the end the following:

6 “(j) LIMITATION ON TREATMENT OF FRESHWATER  
7 MUSSELS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this  
8 Act, any species of freshwater mussel shall not be treated  
9 as an endangered species or threatened species for pur-  
10 poses of this Act.”.

11 (b) PUBLICATION OF LIST.—Not later than 30 days  
12 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary,  
13 as that term is defined in section 3 of the Endangered  
14 Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1532), shall revise and  
15 republish the list of endangered species and threatened  
16 species under section 4(c) of such Act (16 U.S.C. 1533(c))  
17 in accordance with this section.

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