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# H. R. 6043

To reduce illegal wildlife trafficking and importation by extending State Department reporting on foreign wildlife trafficking activity, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 2, 2020

Mr. LIPINSKI introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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

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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 All Wildlife  
5 Against Trafficking Act” or the “PAW Against Traf-  
6 ficking Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8 Congress makes the following findings:

1           (1) Wildlife and plants, and endangered species  
2           in particular, are threatened by illegal trafficking ac-  
3           tivities around the world.

4           (2) Preserving endangered wildlife is critical to  
5           maintaining a diverse global ecosystem.

6           (3) Illegal wildlife trafficking magnifies the  
7           harm to our environment caused by pollution, defor-  
8           estation, and other human activity.

9           (4) The State Department can play a critical  
10          role in increasing awareness by travelers about ille-  
11          gal wildlife trafficking activity, and can in turn re-  
12          duce illicit importation of endangered, threatened, or  
13          otherwise illegal wildlife products.

14          (5) Reporting on wildlife trafficking by the  
15          State Department, and strategy and coordination ac-  
16          tivities by the Presidential Task Force on Wildlife  
17          Trafficking should be extended to ensure that the  
18          United States remains a leader on wildlife conserva-  
19          tion into the future.

1 **SEC. 3. PERMANENT EXTENSION OF ANNUAL STATE DE-**  
2 **PARTMENT REPORTING ON INTERNATIONAL**  
3 **WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING AND INCREASING**  
4 **PUBLIC AWARENESS OF SUCH REPORTING.**

5 (a) Section 201 of the Eliminate, Neutralize, and  
6 Disrupt Wildlife Trafficking Act (16 U.S.C. 7621) is  
7 amended by—

8 (1) striking subsection (c); and

9 (2) inserting at the end the following:

10 “(c) WEBSITE.—On any State Department website  
11 or web-based application providing country-specific infor-  
12 mation for international travel, the Secretary of State  
13 shall ensure that any country listed as a focus country  
14 or a country of concern in the most recent publication of  
15 the annual report required by section 201 of the Eliminate,  
16 Neutralize, and Disrupt Wildlife Trafficking Act (16  
17 U.S.C. 7621) is clearly identified with a color-highlighted  
18 warning label.

19 “(d) WARNING LABEL.—Any focus country or coun-  
20 try of concern label displayed pursuant to subsection (c)  
21 shall be accompanied by a warning that international law  
22 or U.S. law may prohibit the export, import, purchase,  
23 sale, possession, or transport of products produced from  
24 endangered or threatened wildlife. The Secretary of State  
25 shall determine the appropriate nature of the warning to  
26 be displayed pursuant to this subsection.”.

1 **SEC. 4. REMOVING TERMINATION OF AUTHORIZATION FOR**  
2 **PRESIDENTIAL TASK FORCE ON WILDLIFE**  
3 **TRAFFICKING AND REQUIRING ADDITIONAL**  
4 **ITEM FOR STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT.**

5 Section 301 of the Eliminate, Neutralize, and Dis-  
6 rupt Wildlife Trafficking Act (16 U.S.C. 7631) is amend-  
7 ed by—

8 (1) striking subsection (e);

9 (2) inserting the following after paragraph (3)  
10 of subsection (d):

11 “(4) an assessment on how consumption of ille-  
12 gally tracked wildlife in the United States may be  
13 driving illegal wildlife trafficking in focus countries,  
14 and potential strategies to reduce domestic consump-  
15 tion of illegally trafficked wildlife products”; and

16 (3) redesignating paragraphs (4) and (5) of  
17 subsection (d) as paragraphs (5) and (6).

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