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# H. R. 614

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

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TED LIEU of California 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 “Shark Sales Elimini-  
5 nation Act of 2019”.

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, Squatini-  
21 formes, Squaliformes, Hexanchiformes, Lamni-  
22 formes, Carchariniformes, Orectolobiformes, and  
23 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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