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H. R. 406

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LIEU 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 2021”.

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

7 (a) PROHIBITION.—Except as provided in subsection
8 (c), 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 (c) EXEMPTION FOR TRADITIONAL FISHERIES, EDU-
4 CATION, AND SCIENCE.—Subsection (a) shall not apply
5 with respect to possession of a shark part that was taken
6 lawfully under a State, territorial, or Federal license or
7 permit to take or land sharks, if the shark part is sepa-
8 rated from the shark in a manner consistent with the li-
9 cense 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 (d) STATE AUTHORITY.—Nothing in this Act affects
18 any right of a State or territory of the United States to
19 adopt or enforce any regulation or standard that is more
20 stringent than a regulation or standard in effect under
21 this Act.

22 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 (1) SHARK.—The term “shark” means any spe-
24 cies of the orders Pristiophoriformes,
25 Squatiniformes, Squaliformes, Hexanchiformes,

1 Lamniformes, Carchariniformes, Orectolobiformes,
2 and Heterodontiformes.

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

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