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HR 397

Bear Protection Act of 2001

Congress: 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

Chamber: House Policy Area: Animals Introduced: Feb 6, 2001

Current Status: Executive Comment Requested from Interior.

Latest Action: Executive Comment Requested from Interior. (Feb 15, 2001) **Official Text:** https://www.congress.gov/bill/107th-congress/house-bill/397

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Gallegly, Elton [R-CA-23]

Party: Republican • State: CA • Chamber: House

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Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Abercrombie, Neil [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Ackerman, Gary L. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Baird, Brian [D-WA-3]	D · WA		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Bass, Charles F. [R-NH-2]	R · NH		Feb 6, 2001
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Rep. Borski, Robert A. [D-PA-3]	D · PA		Feb 6, 2001
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Rep. Costello, Jerry F. [D-IL-12]	D·IL		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Delahunt, William D. [D-MA-10]	D · MA		Feb 6, 2001
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Rep. Ehlers, Vernon J. [R-MI-3]	R · MI		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Evans, Lane [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Filner, Bob [D-CA-50]	D · CA		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Frank, Barney [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Frelinghuysen, Rodney P. [R-NJ-11]	R · NJ		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Gilman, Benjamin A. [R-NY-20]	$R \cdot NY$		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Green, Mark [R-WI-8]	R · WI		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Greenwood, James C. [R-PA-8]	$R \cdot PA$		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Hinchey, Maurice D. [D-NY-26]	$D \cdot NY$		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Holt, Rush [D-NJ-12]	$D\cdotNJ$		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Horn, Stephen [R-CA-38]	$R \cdot CA$		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Inslee, Jay [D-WA-1]	$D\cdotWA$		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Johnson, Nancy L. [R-CT-6]	$R \cdot CT$		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Kleczka, Gerald D. [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Kolbe, Jim [R-AZ-5]	$R \cdot AZ$		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Kucinich, Dennis J. [D-OH-10]	D · OH		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Lampson, Nick [D-TX-9]	$D \cdot TX$		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Lantos, Tom [D-CA-12]	D · CA		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Leach, James A. [R-IA-1]	R·IA		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Levin, Sander M. [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Feb 6, 2001

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Rep. Lipinski, William O. [D-IL-3]	D · IL	Role	Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Luther, Bill [D-MN-6]	D · MN		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. McKinney, Cynthia A. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ-13]	D · NJ		Feb 6, 2001
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Rep. Miller, George [D-CA-7]	D · CA		Feb 6, 2001
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Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Feb 6, 2001
	D · MN		Feb 6, 2001
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Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Feb 6, 2001
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Rep. Pelosi, Nancy [D-CA-8]	D · CA		Feb 6, 2001
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Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Rivers, Lynn N. [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Rothman, Steven R. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D·IL		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Shays, Christopher [R-CT-4]	R · CT		Feb 6, 2001
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Rep. Simmons, Rob [R-CT-2]	R · CT		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Feb 6, 2001
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Rep. Stark, Fortney Pete [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Tancredo, Thomas G. [R-CO-6]	R · CO		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-1]	D · CA		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Tierney, John F. [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Weiner, Anthony D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Wexler, Robert [D-FL-19]	D · FL		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Whitfield, Ed [R-KY-1]	R·KY		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Woolsey, Lynn C. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Bartlett, Roscoe G. [R-MD-6]	R·MD		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Brady, Robert A. [D-PA-1]	D · PA		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Capuano, Michael E. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Gonzalez, Charles A. [D-TX-20]	D·TX		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA-6]	R · GA		Feb 14, 2001

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Rep. Kelly, Sue W. [R-NY-19]	R · NY	Role	Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Feb 14, 2001
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Rep. Lowey, Nita M. [D-NY-18]			
Rep. Meek, Carrie P. [D-FL-17]	D · FL		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Northup, Anne M. [R-KY-3]	R · KY		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana [R-FL-18]	R · FL		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-28]	D · NY		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Tauscher, Ellen O. [D-CA-10]	D · CA		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Towns, Edolphus [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Clay, Wm. Lacy [D-MO-1]	D · MO		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Farr, Sam [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Matsui, Robert T. [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Meehan, Martin T. [D-MA-5]	D · MA		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Moran, James P. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Morella, Constance A. [R-MD-8]	R · MD		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Pryce, Deborah [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Sabo, Martin Olav [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Visclosky, Peter J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Wynn, Albert Russell [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Feb 28, 2001
Rep. Andrews, Robert E. [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Mar 14, 2001
Rep. Bonior, David E. [D-MI-10]	D · MI		Mar 14, 2001
Rep. Gillmor, Paul E. [R-OH-5]	R · OH		Mar 14, 2001
Rep. Green, Gene [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Mar 14, 2001
Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Mar 14, 2001
Rep. Hart, Melissa A. [R-PA-4]	R · PA		Mar 14, 2001
Rep. Hoeffel, Joseph M. [D-PA-13]	D · PA		Mar 14, 2001
Rep. Hooley, Darlene [D-OR-5]	D · OR		Mar 14, 2001
Rep. LaHood, Ray [R-IL-18]	$R \cdot IL$		Mar 14, 2001
Rep. McCarthy, Karen [D-MO-5]	D · MO		Mar 14, 2001
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Mar 14, 2001
Rep. Shaw, E. Clay, Jr. [R-FL-22]	$R \cdot FL$		Mar 14, 2001
Rep. Udall, Mark [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Mar 14, 2001
Rep. Allen, Thomas H. [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Mar 29, 2001
Rep. Coyne, William J. [D-PA-14]	D · PA		Mar 29, 2001
Rep. Diaz-Balart, Lincoln [R-FL-21]	$R \cdot FL$		Mar 29, 2001
Rep. Gilchrest, Wayne T. [R-MD-1]	$R \cdot MD$		Mar 29, 2001
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-23]	D·FL		Mar 29, 2001
Rep. Maloney, James H. [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Mar 29, 2001
Rep. Moakley, John Joseph [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Mar 29, 2001

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Rep. Condit, Gary A. [D-CA-18] D · CA May 9, 2001	
Rep. Deutsch, Peter [D-FL-20] D · FL May 9, 2001	
Rep. Jackson-Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18] D • TX May 9, 2001 Nay 9, 2001	
Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1] R ⋅ OH Jun 6, 2001 Rep. Dicks, Norman D. [D-WA-6] D ⋅ WA Jun 6, 2001	
Rep. Kennedy, Patrick J. [D-RI-1] D · RI Jun 6, 2001	
Rep. LaTourette, Steven C. [R-OH-19] R · OH Jun 6, 2001	
Rep. Boswell, Leonard L. [D-IA-3] D ⋅ IA Jul 25, 2001	
Rep. Brown, Corrine [D-FL-3] D ⋅ FL Jul 25, 2001 Beg. Cluburg James F. ID CC Cl. D ⋅ Cl. D ⋅ Cl.	
Rep. Clyburn, James E. [D-SC-6] D · SC Jul 25, 2001	
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7] D ⋅ IL Jul 25, 2001 Bear, Davis, Output A. [D, QA 40] D ⋅ QA	
Rep. Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-49] D ⋅ CA Jul 25, 2001	
Rep. Honda, Michael M. [D-CA-15] D ⋅ CA Jul 25, 2001	
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9] D ⋅ OH Jul 25, 2001	
Rep. LoBiondo, Frank A. [R-NJ-2] R · NJ Jul 25, 2001	
Rep. Platts, Todd Russell [R-PA-19] R ⋅ PA Jul 25, 2001	
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1] D · IL Jul 25, 2001	
Rep. McNulty, Michael R. [D-NY-21] D⋅NY Aug 2, 2001	
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-6] D · NY Aug 2, 2001	
Rep. Pastor, Ed [D-AZ-2] D ⋅ AZ Aug 2, 2001	
Rep. Capps, Lois [D-CA-22] D · CA Sep 28, 2001	
Rep. Ferguson, Mike [R-NJ-7] R · NJ Sep 28, 2001	
Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3] R · NC Sep 28, 2001	
Rep. Kildee, Dale E. [D-MI-9] D⋅MI Sep 28, 2001	
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-16] D · CA Sep 28, 2001	
Rep. Matheson, Jim [D-UT-2] D ⋅ UT Sep 28, 2001	
Rep. Traficant, James A., Jr. [D-OH-17] D · OH Sep 28, 2001	
Rep. Crowley, Joseph [D-NY-7] D·NY Dec 13, 2001	
Rep. Davis, Tom [R-VA-11] R · VA Dec 13, 2001	
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-17] D⋅NY Dec 13, 2001	
Rep. Gordon, Bart [D-TN-6] D · TN Dec 13, 2001	
Rep. Hall, Tony P. [D-OH-3] D · OH Dec 13, 2001	

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Rep. Israel, Steve [D-NY-2]	D · NY		Dec 13, 2001
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Dec 13, 2001
Rep. Reyes, Silvestre [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Dec 13, 2001
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Dec 13, 2001
Rep. Berkley, Shelley [D-NV-1]	$D \cdot NV$		Dec 20, 2001
Rep. Bono, Mary [R-CA-44]	$R \cdot CA$		Dec 20, 2001
Rep. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Dec 20, 2001
Rep. Hilliard, Earl F. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Dec 20, 2001
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	$D \cdot TX$		Dec 20, 2001
Rep. Spratt, John M., Jr. [D-SC-5]	D · SC		Dec 20, 2001
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D·MS		Dec 20, 2001
Rep. Davis, Jo Ann [R-VA-1]	$R \cdot VA$		Jan 29, 2002
Rep. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT-At Large]	I · VT		Jan 29, 2002
Rep. Tiberi, Patrick J. [R-OH-12]	R · OH		Jan 29, 2002
Rep. Udall, Tom [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Jan 29, 2002
Rep. Jackson, Jesse L., Jr. [D-IL-2]	D·IL		Feb 6, 2002
Rep. Mascara, Frank [D-PA-20]	D · PA		Feb 13, 2002
Rep. Oxley, Michael G. [R-OH-4]	$R \cdot OH$		Feb 13, 2002
Rep. Fletcher, Ernie [R-KY-6]	$R \cdot KY$		Mar 19, 2002
Rep. Weller, Jerry [R-IL-11]	$R \cdot IL$		Mar 19, 2002
Rep. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD-3]	$D\cdotMD$		Jun 21, 2002
Rep. McCarthy, Carolyn [D-NY-4]	$D \cdot NY$		Jun 21, 2002
Rep. Wu, David [D-OR-1]	$D \cdot OR$		Jun 21, 2002
Rep. Linder, John [R-GA-11]	$R \cdot GA$		Jul 16, 2002
Rep. Grucci, Felix J., Jr. [R-NY-1]	$R \cdot NY$		Sep 17, 2002

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 6, 2001
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 15, 2001
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 14, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Animals

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 6, 2001)

Bear Protection Act of 2001 - Prohibits any person from: (1) importing bear viscera into, or exporting it from, the United States; or (2) selling bear viscera, bartering, offering it for sale or barter, or purchasing, possessing, transporting, delivering, or receiving it in interstate or foreign commerce. Subjects persons who violate such prohibitions to specified penalties. Waives such prohibition for wildlife law enforcement purposes where a valid permit has been issued.

Requires the Secretary of the Interior to continue discussions concerning trade in bear viscera with the appropriate representatives of Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora and with other representatives of countries that are not party to the Convention which are determined to be the leading importers, exporters, or consumers of such products, in order to establish coordinated efforts with such countries to protect bears.

Declares that nothing in this Act shall be construed to affect State regulation of bear population or to affect the lawful hunting of bears under State law.

Actions Timeline

- Feb 15, 2001: Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans.
- Feb 15, 2001: Executive Comment Requested from Interior.
- Feb 14, 2001: Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.
- Feb 6, 2001: Introduced in House
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- Feb 6, 2001: Referred to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committees on International Relations, and Ways and Means, 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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