

HR 1629

Public Safety and Wildlife Protection Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Animals

Introduced: Mar 20, 2017

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade. (Mar 27, 2017)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** NC • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Lowey, Nita M. [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Mar 20, 2017
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Mar 30, 2017
Rep. Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Apr 25, 2017
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Apr 25, 2017
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Apr 25, 2017
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		Apr 27, 2017
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Apr 27, 2017
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Apr 27, 2017
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Apr 27, 2017
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		May 1, 2017
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		May 16, 2017
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		May 16, 2017
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Jun 26, 2017
Rep. Lawson, Al, Jr. [D-FL-5]	D · FL		Jul 24, 2017
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Feb 2, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 24, 2017
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 20, 2017
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 27, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Animals

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Mar 20, 2017)

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This bill bans steel-jaw leghold traps and Conibear traps.

Steel-jaw leghold traps are certain spring-powered devices with steel jaws that are designed to snap closed on animals. Conibear traps consist of metal frames hinged at the center point and powered by two torsion springs that create a scissor-like action designed to kill an animal by snapping its spine. Cage traps, box traps, suitcase-type live beaver traps, and mouse or rat snap traps are not included in the ban.

The bill establishes penalties for violating this ban.

The Department of the Interior must pay a reward for information that leads to a conviction of a violation of this bill, unless the information was provided by on duty officers or employees of federal, state, or local governments. The reward must be 50% of the fine paid.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 27, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.
- **Mar 24, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection.
- **Mar 20, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 20, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Foreign Affairs, 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.