

HR 1727

Limiting Inhumane Federal Trapping Act

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (16 total)

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Rep. Lowey, Nita M. [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Mar 27, 2017
Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-22]	D · FL		Apr 14, 2017
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Apr 14, 2017
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		Apr 25, 2017
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Apr 27, 2017
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		May 1, 2017
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		May 3, 2017
Rep. Polis, Jared [D-CO-2]	D · CO		May 23, 2017
Rep. Ellison, Keith [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Jun 8, 2017
Rep. Kihuen, Ruben J. [D-NV-4]	D · NV		Sep 1, 2017
Rep. O'Rourke, Beto [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Sep 1, 2017
Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Sep 21, 2017
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Oct 2, 2017
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Oct 2, 2017
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Apr 12, 2018
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Nov 14, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 11, 2017
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 3, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Animals

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Mar 27, 2017)

Limiting Inhumane Federal Trapping Act

This bill prohibits any personnel of the Department of the Interior or the Department of Agriculture (USDA), in performing their duties, from using, recommending, training in the use of, or planning for the use of, any body-gripping trap used to kill or capture an animal. This prohibition does not apply to training in the dismantling of body-gripping traps that have been illegally placed.

No person shall use or possess any body-gripping trap on property under the administrative jurisdiction of Interior or USDA, except in Indian country, regardless of whether the person is employed by, or is working under a contract with, Interior or USDA.

Such prohibitions shall not apply to the use of a body-gripping trap to:

- control documented, invasive species to achieve resource management objectives where alternative methods have failed; or
- protect a species that is listed as an endangered or threatened species or treated by the Forest Service as a sensitive species.

Such exceptions shall not apply unless:

- such use of a body-gripping trap is in accordance with state and federal law;
- prior to using such a trap, all available and viable nonlethal methods for such control or protection have been attempted; and
- such attempts have been documented in writing, and the documentation is maintained at the headquarters of the department that employs the individual engaging in such attempt.

The bill imposes criminal penalties for violating the prohibitions in this bill.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 11, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
- **Apr 3, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
- **Mar 27, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 27, 2017:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E391)
- **Mar 27, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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.