

HR 1818

Big Cat Public Safety Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Animals

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (144 total)

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Rep. Costello, Ryan A. [R-PA-6]	R · PA		May 16, 2017
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Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		May 16, 2017
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		May 16, 2017
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		May 16, 2017
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		May 16, 2017
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Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Jun 15, 2017
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Jun 15, 2017
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Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Jul 28, 2017
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Jul 28, 2017
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Jul 28, 2017
Rep. Polis, Jared [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Jul 28, 2017
Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]	D · IL		Jul 28, 2017
Rep. Crist, Charlie [D-FL-13]	D · FL		Aug 29, 2017
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Aug 29, 2017
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Aug 29, 2017
Rep. McSally, Martha [R-AZ-2]	R · AZ		Aug 29, 2017
Rep. Rice, Kathleen M. [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Aug 29, 2017
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Aug 29, 2017
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Aug 29, 2017
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Aug 29, 2017
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Sep 28, 2017
Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-2]	R · NY		Sep 28, 2017

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Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]	D · IL		Sep 28, 2017
Rep. Meehan, Patrick [R-PA-7]	R · PA		Sep 28, 2017
Rep. Tipton, Scott R. [R-CO-3]	R · CO		Sep 28, 2017
Rep. Zeldin, Lee M. [R-NY-1]	R · NY		Sep 28, 2017
Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Oct 19, 2017
Rep. Paulsen, Erik [R-MN-3]	R · MN		Oct 19, 2017
Rep. Valadao, David G. [R-CA-21]	R · CA		Oct 19, 2017
Rep. Brown, Anthony G. [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Nov 9, 2017
Rep. Schweikert, David [R-AZ-6]	R · AZ		Nov 9, 2017
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Nov 9, 2017
Rep. Amodei, Mark E. [R-NV-2]	R · NV		Dec 13, 2017
Rep. Garrett, Thomas A., Jr. [R-VA-5]	R · VA		Dec 13, 2017
Rep. Gomez, Jimmy [D-CA-34]	D · CA		Dec 13, 2017
Rep. Hanabusa, Colleen [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Dec 13, 2017
Rep. Knight, Stephen [R-CA-25]	R · CA		Dec 13, 2017
Rep. Marino, Tom [R-PA-10]	R · PA		Dec 13, 2017
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Dec 13, 2017
Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana [R-FL-27]	R · FL		Dec 13, 2017
Rep. Womack, Steve [R-AR-3]	R · AR		Dec 13, 2017
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Jan 9, 2018
Rep. DesJarlais, Scott [R-TN-4]	R · TN		Jan 9, 2018
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Jan 9, 2018
Rep. Lujan Grisham, Michelle [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Jan 9, 2018
Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-13]	D · PA		Jan 29, 2018
Rep. Collins, Chris [R-NY-27]	R · NY		Jan 29, 2018
Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		Jan 29, 2018
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Jan 29, 2018
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		Mar 15, 2018
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Mar 15, 2018
Rep. Norcross, Donald [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Mar 15, 2018
Rep. Smucker, Lloyd [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Mar 15, 2018
Rep. Bishop, Mike [R-MI-8]	R · MI		Mar 22, 2018
Del. Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Apr 12, 2018
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Apr 12, 2018
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Apr 12, 2018
Rep. Lipinski, Daniel [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Apr 12, 2018
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Apr 12, 2018
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Apr 12, 2018
Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Apr 12, 2018
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Apr 12, 2018
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		May 22, 2018
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		May 22, 2018

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Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		May 22, 2018
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		May 22, 2018
Rep. Nolan, Richard M. [D-MN-8]	D · MN		May 22, 2018
Rep. Rooney, Francis [R-FL-19]	R · FL		May 22, 2018
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	D · FL		May 22, 2018
Rep. Capuano, Michael E. [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Jun 1, 2018
Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Jun 26, 2018
Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Jun 26, 2018
Rep. Young, David [R-IA-3]	R · IA		Jun 26, 2018
Resident Commissioner González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]	R · PR		Jun 26, 2018
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Rep. Maloney, Sean Patrick [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Jul 10, 2018
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Jul 10, 2018
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Aug 17, 2018
Rep. Lowey, Nita M. [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Aug 17, 2018
Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Sep 25, 2018
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Dec 12, 2018
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Dec 19, 2018
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Dec 19, 2018

Committee Activity

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

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Animals

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 2990	Related bill	Jun 5, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Big Cat Public Safety Act

This bill amends the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit any person from breeding or possessing prohibited wildlife species (i.e., any live species of lion, tiger, leopard, cheetah, jaguar, or cougar or any hybrid of such species). Breeding means facilitating propagation or reproduction (whether intentionally or negligently), or failing to prevent propagation or reproduction.

The bill revises the list of entities that are exempt from Lacey Act prohibitions regarding those wildlife species to include: (1) certain entities that hold Class C licenses in good standing under the Animal Welfare Act, and (2) current owners of animals that were born before this bill's enactment if the animals are registered with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Those entities and owners may not allow direct contact between the public and the prohibited wildlife species.

A person who knowingly violates the prohibition must be fined not more than \$20,000, or imprisoned for not more than five years, or both. The bill considers each violation to be a separate offense. The offense must be deemed to have been committed not only in the district where the violation first occurred, but also in any district in which the defendant may have taken or been in possession of the prohibited wildlife species.

The bill extends forfeiture provisions to fish, wildlife, or plants that are bred or possessed.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 11, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
- **Mar 30, 2017:** Introduced in House
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