

HR 8828

Public Safety and Wildlife Protection Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Animals

Introduced: Dec 2, 2020

Current Status: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means

Latest Action: 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. (Dec 2, 2020)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Lowey, Nita M. [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Dec 2, 2020
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Dec 17, 2020
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 2, 2020
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 2, 2020
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 2, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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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

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