

## HR 5578

Public Safety and Wildlife Protection Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Animals

**Introduced:** Oct 15, 2021

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce. (Oct 18, 2021)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Adams, Alma S. [D-NC-12]

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

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Oct 15, 2021
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Nov 18, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 18, 2021
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 15, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 15, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Animals

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Public Safety and Wildlife Protection Act**

This bill bans steel-jaw leghold traps and Conibear traps and establishes penalties for violating this ban.

*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 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 penalty paid.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Oct 18, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce.
- **Oct 15, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 15, 2021:** 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.
- **Oct 15, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.