

## HR 615

### Protecting Access for Hunters and Anglers Act of 2023

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

**Introduced:** Jan 27, 2023

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.  
(May 1, 2024)

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## Sponsor

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

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Rep. Murphy, Gregory F. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Jan 30, 2023
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Rep. Carter, John R. [R-TX-31]	R · TX		Apr 28, 2023
Rep. Good, Bob [R-VA-5]	R · VA		Apr 28, 2023
Rep. Carl, Jerry L. [R-AL-1]	R · AL		May 9, 2023
Rep. Zinke, Ryan K. [R-MT-1]	R · MT		May 9, 2023

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Tiffany, Thomas P. [R-WI-7]	R · WI		May 15, 2023
Rep. Pfluger, August [R-TX-11]	R · TX		May 22, 2023
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Rep. Kiggans, Jennifer A [R-VA-2]	R · VA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Fitzgerald, Scott [R-WI-5]	R · WI		Sep 18, 2023

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 13, 2023
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 1, 2024
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Jun 21, 2023

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HRES 1173	Related bill	Apr 30, 2024: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
118 S 1185	Identical bill	Apr 18, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

## Summary (as of Sep 20, 2023)

### Protecting Access for Hunters and Anglers Act of 2023

This bill bars the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture from prohibiting or regulating the use of lead ammunition or tackle on federal land or water that is under the jurisdiction of such departments and made available for hunting or fishing. The bill makes exceptions for specified existing regulations and where the applicable department determines that a decline in wildlife population at the specific unit of federal land or water is primarily caused by the use of lead in ammunition or tackle, based on the field data from such unit, and the state approves the regulations.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 1, 2024:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
- **Apr 30, 2024:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 1173. (consideration: CR H2735-2740)
- **Apr 30, 2024:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 615, H.R. 2925, H.R. 3195, H.R. 764, H.R. 3397, H.R. 6285 and H.R. 6090. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 615, H.R. 2925, H.R. 3195, H.R. 764, H.R. 3397, and H.R. 6090 under a closed rule, and H.R. 6285 under a structured rule. The rule provides for one hour of general debate and one motion to recommit on each bill.
- **Apr 30, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 615.
- **Apr 30, 2024:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Apr 30, 2024:** Mrs. Dingell moved to recommit to the Committee on Natural Resources. (text: CR H2740)
- **Apr 30, 2024:** The previous question on the motion to recommit was ordered pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XIX.
- **Apr 30, 2024:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on H.R. 615, the Chair put the question on the motion to recommit and by voice vote announced that the noes had prevailed. Mrs. Dingell demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings until a time to be announced.
- **Apr 30, 2024:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2750-2751)
- **Apr 30, 2024:** On motion to recommit Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 204 - 211 (Roll no. 166).
- **Apr 30, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 214 - 201 (Roll no. 167). (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR H2735)
- **Apr 30, 2024:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 214 - 201 (Roll no. 167). (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR H2735)
- **Apr 30, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 29, 2024:** Supplemental report filed by the Committee on Natural Resources, H. Rept. 118-203, Part II.
- **Apr 29, 2024:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 1173 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 615, H.R. 2925, H.R. 3195, H.R. 764, H.R. 3397, H.R. 6285 and H.R. 6090. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 615, H.R. 2925, H.R. 3195, H.R. 764, H.R. 3397, and H.R. 6090 under a closed rule, and H.R. 6285 under a structured rule. The rule provides for one hour of general debate and one motion to recommit on each bill.
- **Sep 20, 2023:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 118-203, Part I.
- **Sep 20, 2023:** Committee on Agriculture discharged.
- **Sep 20, 2023:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 164.
- **Jun 21, 2023:** Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries Discharged.
- **Jun 21, 2023:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 21, 2023:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 21 - 15.
- **May 10, 2023:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Feb 21, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries.
- **Feb 13, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry.
- **Jan 27, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 27, 2023:** 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.