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# H. R. 1195

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 16, 2017

Mr. ZELDIN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Natural Resources

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Local Fishing Access  
5 Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FISHING IN BLOCK ISLAND SOUND TRANSIT ZONE.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Commerce, in  
8       consultation with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries

1 Commission, may issue regulations to permit and regulate  
2 Atlantic striped bass fishing in the Block Island Sound  
3 Transit Zone.

4 (b) BLOCK ISLAND SOUND TRANSIT ZONE DE-  
5 FINED.—In this section the term “Block Island Sound  
6 transit zone” means the area of the exclusive economic  
7 zone north of a line connecting Montauk Light, Montauk  
8 Point, New York, and Block Island Southeast Light,  
9 Block Island, Rhode Island; and west of a line connecting  
10 Point Judith Light, Point Judith, Rhode Island, and  
11 Block Island Southeast Light, Block Island, Rhode Island.

12 (c) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this section or the  
13 regulations issued under this section shall affect—

14 (1) any permit that—

15 (A) is issued under any other provision of  
16 law by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
17 Administration, including a permit issued be-  
18 fore the date of the enactment of this Act; and

19 (B) authorizes fishing in the Block Island  
20 Sound Transit Zone; or

21 (2) any activity authorized by such a permit.

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