

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3513

To end the use of body-gripping traps in the National Wildlife Refuge System.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 15, 2013

Mrs. LOWEY (for herself, Mr. MORAN, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. POCAN, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, and Mr. CARTWRIGHT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

To end the use of body-gripping traps in the National Wildlife Refuge System.

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 “Refuge from Cruel
5 Trapping Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. POSSESSION OR USE OF BODY-GRIPPING TRAP PRO-**
7 **HIBITED.**

8 The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration
9 Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd et seq.) is amended by add-
10 ing at the end the following:

1 **“SEC. 6. POSSESSION OR USE OF BODY-GRIPPING TRAP**
2 **PROHIBITED.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—No person may possess or use
4 a body-gripping trap in the System.

5 “(b) ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS.—Notwithstanding
6 section 4(f), a person who possesses or uses a body-grip-
7 ping trap in the System shall be subject to the following:

8 “(1) In the case of a first offense, a civil fine
9 of not more than \$500 imposed by the Secretary for
10 each body-gripping trap possessed or used.

11 “(2) In the case of a subsequent offense—

12 “(A) a civil fine of not more than \$1,000
13 imposed by the Secretary for each body-grip-
14 ping trap possessed or used;

15 “(B) imprisonment for not more than 180
16 days; or

17 “(C) both a civil fine and imprisonment in
18 accordance with subparagraphs (A) and (B).

19 “(c) FORFEITURE OF BODY-GRIPPING TRAP.—Any
20 body-gripping trap that is possessed or used in violation
21 of this section, and any wildlife captured by the use of
22 such trap, including the pelt or raw fur, shall be subject
23 to forfeiture to the United States in accordance with the
24 provisions of chapter 46 of title 18, United States Code,
25 relating to civil forfeitures.

1 “(d) PAYMENT OF COURT COSTS AND OTHER ASSO-
2 CIATED EXPENSES.—A person found to be in violation of
3 subsection (a) shall pay all court costs associated there-
4 with.

5 “(e) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 120 days after
6 the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary
7 shall issue any regulations necessary to carry out this sec-
8 tion.

9 “(f) DEFINITION.—As used in this section, the term
10 ‘body-gripping trap’—

11 “(1) means any device that is intended to kill
12 or capture wildlife by physically restraining any part
13 of the animal;

14 “(2) includes any steel-jaw, padded, or other
15 modified leghold trap, kill-type trap, snare trap, or
16 any modified version of any such trap; and

17 “(3) does not include any cage or box trap or
18 suitcase-type live beaver trap.”.

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