

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 417

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invasive lionfish, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 9, 2019

Mr. SOTO (for himself, Mr. GAETZ, and Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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

A BILL

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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. MEASURES TO COMBAT INVASIVE LIONFISH.**

4 (a) ADDITION OF SPECIES OF LIONFISH TO THE
5 LIST OF INJURIOUS SPECIES THAT ARE PROHIBITED
6 FROM BEING IMPORTED OR SHIPPED.—Section 42(a)(1)
7 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting
8 after “*Dreissena polymorpha*,” the following: “of the red

1 lionfish of the species *Pterois volitans*; of the devil lionfish
2 of the species *Pterois miles*; of the Hawaiian turkeyfish
3 of the species *Pterois sphex*; of the soldier lionfish of the
4 species *Pterois russelii*; of the clearfin lionfish of the spe-
5 cies *Pterois radiata*; of the species *Pterois paucispinula*;
6 of the frillfin turkeyfish of the species *Pterois mombasae*;
7 of the luna lionfish of the species *Pterois lunalata*; of the
8 mandritsa of the species *Pterois brevipectoralis*; of the
9 spotfin lionfish of the species *Pterois antennata*; of the
10 scorpionfish of the species *Pterois andover*;"

11 (b) EXEMPTION FROM PERMITTING FOR MOVEMENT
12 IN COMMERCE.—For purposes of section 14.21 of title 50,
13 Code of Federal Regulations, deceased lionfish and
14 lionfish products shall not be treated as wildlife requiring
15 a permit pursuant to part 17 or 23 of such title.

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