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# H. R. 4310

To amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit the import, export, transport, sale, receipt, acquirement, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce of mink, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 1, 2021

Ms. DELAURO (for herself, Ms. MACE, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. McCAUL, Mr. DEFAZIO, Ms. TENNEY, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. VALADAO, Ms. ESCOBAR, and Mr. GOODEN of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Minks in Narrowly  
5 Kept Spaces are Superspreaders Act” or the “MINKS are  
6 Superspreaders Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITIONS RELATING TO MINK.**

2 (a) LACEY ACT AMENDMENTS.—Section 3 of the  
3 Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 (16 U.S.C. 3372) is  
4 amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)(2)—

6 (A) in subparagraph (B)(iii), by striking  
7 “or” at the end;

8 (B) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “or”  
9 after the semicolon; and

10 (C) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(D) any American mink (*Neovison vison*)  
12 raised in captivity for fur production, whether  
13 dead or alive, or any part, product, or offspring  
14 thereof (subject to subsection (e));” and

15 (2) in subsection (e)—

16 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “Sub-  
17 section (a)(2)(C) does” and inserting “Subpara-  
18 graphs (C) and (D) of subsection (a)(2) do”;  
19 and

20 (B) by inserting “or mink described in  
21 subsection (a)(2)(D)” after “species” each  
22 place it appears.

23 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
24 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date that is 1 year  
25 after the date of the enactment of this Act.