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H. R. 843

To prohibit treatment of gray wolves in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan as endangered species, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 10, 2015

Mr. KLINE (for himself, Mr. BENISHEK, Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. PETERSON, and Mr. DUFFY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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 “Western Great Lakes
5 Wolf Management Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) STATE.—The term “State” means each of
9 the States of Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan.

1 (2) WOLF.—The term “wolf” means any spe-
2 cies, subspecies, or population segment of *Canis*
3 *lupus*.

4 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON TREATMENT OF WOLVES IN MIN-**
5 **NESOTA, WISCONSIN, AND MICHIGAN UNDER**
6 **THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT OF 1973.**

7 Any wolf in Minnesota, Wisconsin, or Michigan shall
8 not be treated under any status of the Endangered Species
9 Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), including as an
10 endangered species, a threatened species, an essential ex-
11 perimental population, or a nonessential experimental pop-
12 ulation.

13 **SEC. 4. STATE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY.**

14 (a) STATE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY.—Each State
15 shall have exclusive jurisdiction over the management of
16 wolves within the borders of that State.

17 (b) PROTECTION BY STATES.—Nothing in this Act
18 shall preclude any State from providing protections to
19 wolves equivalent to those protections provided by the En-
20 dangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

21 (c) REIMBURSEMENT BY STATES.—Nothing in this
22 Act shall preclude any State from reimbursing the owner
23 of livestock for any loss of livestock that results from dep-

- 1 redation by wolves, or that derives from wolves, that were
- 2 introduced into the wild.

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