

112TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 3453

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 17, 2011

Mr. BENISHEK (for himself, Mr. RIBBLE, and Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan) 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 “State Management of  
5 Recovered Wolves Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PERMITS FOR TAKINGS OF WOLVES TO PROTECT**  
2 **FROM WOLF DEPREDATION.**

3 Section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973  
4 (16 U.S.C. 1539(a)) is amended by adding at the end the  
5 following:

6 “(3) The Secretary shall permit, under such terms  
7 and conditions as the Secretary may prescribe, any State  
8 in which wolves are listed under section 4(c) to conduct  
9 lethal and non-lethal control of wolves in such State to  
10 protect from wolf depredations, if the number of wolves  
11 in the population of wolves in such State exceeds the goal  
12 for such population established by a recovery plan in effect  
13 under section 4(f).”.

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