

112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1552

To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide an exception to that Act for actions carried out against grizzly bears in self-defense, defense of others, or a reasonable belief of imminent danger.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2011

Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. RISCH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. EXCEPTION TO ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT OF**
2 **1973 FOR SELF-DEFENSE, DEFENSE OF OTH-**
3 **ERS, OR REASONABLE BELIEF OF IMMINENT**
4 **DANGER REGARDING GRIZZLY BEARS.**

5 Section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973
6 (16 U.S.C. 1539) is amended by adding at the end the
7 following:

8 “(k) SELF-DEFENSE, DEFENSE OF OTHERS, OR
9 REASONABLE BELIEF OF IMMINENT DANGER REGARDING
10 GRIZZLY BEARS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of
11 law (including regulations), the provisions of this Act shall
12 not apply with respect to the taking of any grizzly bear
13 by an individual who demonstrates to the Secretary by a
14 preponderance of the evidence that the individual carried
15 out the taking as a result of—

16 “(1) self-defense;

17 “(2) defense of another individual; or

18 “(3) a reasonable belief of imminent danger
19 posed by the grizzly bear to any individual.”.

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