

114TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 2951

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 7, 2015

Mr. FARENTHOLD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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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 “Justice Attributed to  
5 Wounded Sharks Act” or “JAWS Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON FOREIGN ASSISTANCE TO COUN-**  
2 **TRIES THAT DO NOT PROHIBIT SHARK FIN-**  
3 **NING IN THE TERRITORIAL WATERS OF THE**  
4 **COUNTRY OR THE IMPORTATION, SALE, OR**  
5 **POSSESSION OF SHARK FINS OBTAINED AS A**  
6 **RESULT OF SHARK FINNING.**

7 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—No funds available to any Federal  
8 department or agency may be used to provide assistance  
9 to a country if the President determines that the country  
10 does not prohibit the following:

11 (1) Shark finning in the territorial waters of  
12 the country.

13 (2) The importation, sale, or possession of  
14 shark fins obtained as a result of shark finning.

15 (b) **DEFINITION.**—In this section, the term “shark  
16 finning” has the meaning given the term in section 9 of  
17 the Shark Finning Prohibition Act (16 U.S.C. 1822 note).

18 (c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—This Act takes effect on the  
19 date of the enactment of this Act and applies with respect  
20 to funds available to a Federal department or agency be-  
21 ginning on or after the date that is 90 days after such  
22 date of enactment.

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