

114TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 3448

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

Ms. JACKSON LEE 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 “Cecil the Lion Endan-  
5 gered and Threatened Species Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF TAKING OR IMPORTING ANY EN-**  
2 **DANGERED OR THREATENED SPECIES AS A**  
3 **TROPHY.**

4 (a) PROHIBITION OF TAKING OR IMPORTING ANY  
5 TROPHY.—Section 9 of the Endangered Species Act of  
6 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1538) is amended by adding at the end  
7 the following:

8 “(h) TROPHIES.—It is unlawful for any person sub-  
9 ject to the jurisdiction of the United States—

10 “(1) to take as a trophy within the United  
11 States or the territorial sea of the United States any  
12 species of fish or wildlife listed under section 4; or

13 “(2) to import into the United States any tro-  
14 phy of any species of fish or wildlife listed under sec-  
15 tion 4.”.

16 (b) PROHIBITION OF PERMITS FOR TROPHIES.—Sec-  
17 tion 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16  
18 U.S.C. 1539(a)) is amended—

19 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “The Sec-  
20 retary may permit” and inserting “Except as other-  
21 wise provided in this subsection, the Secretary may  
22 permit”; and

23 (2) by adding at the end the following:

24 “(3)(A) The Secretary may not permit—

25 “(i) taking as a trophy any species of fish or  
26 wildlife listed under section 4; or

1           “(ii) importing into the United States any tro-  
2           phy of any species of fish or wildlife listed under sec-  
3           tion 4 and taken after the date of the enactment of  
4           the Cecil the Lion Endangered and Threatened Spe-  
5           cies Act of 2015.

6           “(B) Any person seeking to import such a trophy  
7           shall submit to the customs officer concerned at the time  
8           of entry of the trophy such documentation as the Sec-  
9           retary of the Treasury, after consultation with the Sec-  
10          retary of the Interior, shall by regulation require as being  
11          necessary to establish that the trophy was taken before  
12          the date of the enactment of the Cecil the Lion Endan-  
13          gered and Threatened Species Act of 2015.”.

14          (c) ANTIQUES.—Section 10(h)(1) of the Endangered  
15          Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1539(h)(1)) is amended  
16          by striking “Sections 4(d), 9(a), and 9(c) do not apply”  
17          and inserting “Sections 4(d), 9(a), 9(c), and 9(h)(2) do  
18          not apply”.

19          (d) DEFINITION.—Section 3 of the Endangered Spe-  
20          cies Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1532) is amended—

21                  (1) by redesignating paragraph (21) as para-  
22                  graph (22); and

23                  (2) by inserting after paragraph (20) the fol-  
24                  lowing:

1           “(21) The term ‘trophy’ means any fish or wild-  
2           life taken for sport or procurement of a souvenir.”.

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