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H. R. 4033

To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to allow certain activities to be conducted with respect to sturgeon held in captivity or in a controlled environment, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 17, 2025

Mr. FINE 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 “Sturgeon Conservation
5 and Sustainability Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. STURGEON HELD IN CAPTIVITY OR CONTROLLED**
2 **ENVIRONMENTS.**

3 Section 9(b) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973
4 (16 U.S.C. 1538(b)) is amended by adding at the end the
5 following:

6 “(3) STURGEON.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a)(1) and sec-
8 tion 7(a)(2) shall not apply to—

9 “(i) a sturgeon farmed that is legally held
10 in captivity or in a controlled environment as of
11 the date of enactment of this paragraph, until
12 such time as the sturgeon is intentionally re-
13 turned to a wild state; or

14 “(ii) progeny of a sturgeon described in
15 clause (i), until such time as the progeny is in-
16 tentionally returned to a wild state.

17 “(B) DEMONSTRATION; REQUIREMENTS.—

18 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Any person holding
19 any sturgeon or progeny described in subpara-
20 graph (A) shall—

21 “(I) be able to demonstrate that the
22 sturgeon or progeny qualifies as a sturgeon
23 or progeny, as applicable, described in that
24 subparagraph; and

25 “(II) maintain and submit to the Sec-
26 retary, on request of the Secretary, such

1 inventories, documentation, and records as
2 the Secretary may, by regulation, require
3 as being reasonably appropriate to carry
4 out the purposes of this paragraph.

5 “(ii) REQUIREMENTS.—Requirements de-
6 scribed in clause (i)(II) shall not unnecessarily
7 duplicate the requirements of other rules and
8 regulations promulgated by the Secretary under
9 this Act.”.

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