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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 17, 2025

Mr. SCOTT of Florida introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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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 “Sturgeon Conservation  
5 and Sustainability Act”.

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  
8 section 7(a)(2) shall not apply to—

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

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

18 “(B) DEMONSTRATION; REQUIREMENTS.—

19 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Any person hold-  
20 ing any sturgeon or progeny described in  
21 subparagraph (A) shall—

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

1                   “(II) maintain and submit to the  
2                   Secretary, on request of the Secretary,  
3                   such inventories, documentation, and  
4                   records as the Secretary may, by reg-  
5                   ulation, require as being reasonably  
6                   appropriate to carry out the purposes  
7                   of this paragraph.

8                   “(ii) REQUIREMENTS.—The require-  
9                   ments described in clause (i)(II) shall not  
10                  unnecessarily duplicate the requirements of  
11                  other rules and regulations promulgated by  
12                  the Secretary under this Act.”.

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