

Union Calendar No. 443

113TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 2158

[Report No. 113–596]

To exempt from the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 the expedited removal from the United States of certain snake species, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 23, 2013

Mr. FLEMING introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on May 23, 2013]

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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 “Expedited Departure*
 5 *of Certain Snake Species Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. COMPLIANCE WITH LACEY ACT.**

7 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*For purposes of the Lacey Act*
 8 *Amendments of 1981 (16 U.S.C. 3371 et seq.), a qualified*
 9 *stop of a covered snake shall not be treated as occurring*
 10 *in interstate commerce.*

11 (b) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this section:*

12 (1) *COVERED SNAKE.*—*The term “covered snake”*
 13 *means any—*

14 (A) *Burmese python (Python molurus*
 15 *bivittatus);*

16 (B) *Indian python (Python molurus*
 17 *molurus);*

18 (C) *Northern African python (Python*
 19 *sebae);*

20 (D) *Southern African python (Python*
 21 *natalensis); and*

22 (E) *Yellow anaconda (Eunectes notaeus).*

23 (2) *DESIGNATED AIRPORT.*—*The term “des-*
 24 *ignated airport” means an airport located at a des-*
 25 *ignated port as defined by the United States Fish and*

1 *Wildlife Service under section 14.12 of title 50, Code*
2 *of Federal Regulations.*

3 (3) *QUALIFIED SECURE CONTAINER.*—*The term*
4 *“qualified secure container” means a container*
5 *that—*

6 (A) *contains the covered snake in a closely*
7 *woven, double-seam sewn, cloth sack that is in a*
8 *second cloth sack of similar construction; and*

9 (B) *on which there is a prominent label*
10 *that states “Dangerous Reptiles”.*

11 (4) *QUALIFIED STOP.*—*The term “qualified*
12 *stop”—*

13 (A) *except as provided in subparagraph*
14 *(C), means any intermediate stop in a des-*
15 *ignated airport of a covered snake in a qualified*
16 *secure container in the course of transport of*
17 *such snake that—*

18 (i) *begins in a designated airport; and*

19 (ii) *ends at a place outside of the*
20 *United States not later than 48 hours after*
21 *such transport begins;*

22 (B) *may include transfer of the qualified se-*
23 *cure container in an airport between aircraft*
24 *used for such transport outside of the United*
25 *States; and*

1 *(C) does not include any stop in Hawaii.*

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