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H. R. 5308

To prohibit foreign assistance to countries that do not prohibit shark finning in the territorial waters of the country or the importation, sale, possession, or consumption of shark fins obtained as a result of shark finning.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 31, 2014

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

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, POS-**
5 **SESSION, OR CONSUMPTION OF SHARK FINS**
6 **OBTAINED AS A 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, possession, or con-
14 sumption of shark fins obtained as a result of shark
15 finning.

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

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

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