

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1856

To amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to prohibit the use of neonicotinoids in National Wildlife Refuges, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 13, 2019

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

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 “Protect Our Refuges
5 Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF THE USE OF NEONICOTINOIDs IN
7 NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The National Wildlife Refuge
9 System Administration Act of 1966 is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating section 5 (16 U.S.C.
2 668ee) as section 2, and moving that section so as
3 to appear in numerical order; and

4 (2) by inserting after section 4 (16 U.S.C.
5 668dd) the following:

6 “SEC. 5. PROHIBITION OF THE USE OF NEONICOTINOIDS.

7 "No person may use a neonicotinoid in the System.".

8 (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—The National Wild-
9 life Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 is amend-
10 ed by inserting before section 2 (as redesignated by sub-
11 section (a)(1)) the following:

12 "SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

13 "This Act may be cited as the 'National Wildlife Ref-
14 uge System Administration Act of 1966'.".