

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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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 SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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.”.