

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 131

To designate the West Indian manatee as an endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 9, 2023

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

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 “Manatee Protection
5 Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. WEST INDIAN MANATEE DESIGNATED ENDAN-**
7 **GERED SPECIES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
9 sion of law, the species known as the “West Indian man-
10 atee” (*Trichechus manatus*) shall be treated as an endan-

1 gered species for purposes of the Endangered Species Act
2 of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

3 (b) LISTING OF WEST INDIAN MANATEE.—Notwith-
4 standing any other provision of law, the Secretary of the
5 Interior shall include the species known as the “West In-
6 dian manatee” (*Trichechus manatus*) in the endangered
7 species list published under section 4(c) of the Endangered
8 Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1533(c)).

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