

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1312

To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the Deerfield River for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 1, 2023

Mr. MCGOVERN (for himself, Mr. NEAL, and Ms. BALINT) 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 “Deerfield River Wild
5 and Scenic River Study Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION FOR STUDY; REPORT.**

7 Section 5 of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16
8 U.S.C. 1276) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the
2 following:

3 “(145) DEERFIELD RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS
4 AND VERMONT.—The entire river, including—

5 “(A) the North, South, East, and West
6 Branches of the Deerfield River; and

7 “(B) the major tributaries of the Deerfield
8 River, including the Green River, North River,
9 South River, Clesson Brook, Chickley River,
10 Cold River, Gulf Brook, Bog Brook, and Dun-
11 bar Brook.”; and

12 (2) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the
13 following:

14 “(22) DEERFIELD RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS AND
15 VERMONT.—Not later than 3 years after the date on
16 which funds are made available to carry out this
17 paragraph, the Secretary of the Interior shall—

18 “(A) complete the study described in sub-
19 section (a)(145); and

20 “(B) submit to the appropriate committees
21 of Congress a report describing the results of
22 such study.”.

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