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H. R. 4995

To prohibit certain activities involving kangaroos and kangaroo products,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 27, 2023

Mr. FITZPATRICK (for himself, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. VAN DREW, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. KEAN of New Jersey, and Mr. CARTER of Louisiana) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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kangaroo products, and for other purposes.

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 “Kangaroo Protection
5 Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. KANGAROOS AND KANGAROO PRODUCTS.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) KANGAROO.—The term “kangaroo” means
9 a dead animal or a part thereof of the species—

1 (A) *Macropus fuliginosus* (commonly
2 known as the ‘western grey kangaroo’);

3 (B) *Macropus giganteus* (commonly known
4 as the ‘eastern grey kangaroo’);

5 (C) *Osphranter robustus* (commonly known
6 as the ‘common wallaroo’); or

7 (D) *Osphranter rufus* (commonly known as
8 the ‘red kangaroo’).

9 (2) KANGAROO PRODUCT.—The term “kan-
10 garoo product” means an item that is composed in
11 whole or in part of a kangaroo.

12 (b) UNLAWFUL ACTS.—It is unlawful for any person
13 to knowingly—

14 (1) bring into the United States for commercial
15 purposes, possess with the intent to sell, or sell a
16 kangaroo; or

17 (2) introduce or manufacture for introduction
18 into, sell or offer to sell, trade, advertise, transport,
19 or distribute in interstate commerce a kangaroo
20 product.

21 (c) CRIMINAL PENALTIES.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Any person who knowingly
23 violates this section shall be fined not more than
24 \$10,000, or imprisoned for not more than 1 year, or
25 both.

1 (2) SEPARATE OFFENSE.—Each violation of
2 this section shall be a separate offense and the of-
3 fense is deemed to have been committed in the dis-
4 trict in which the defendant may have taken or been
5 in possession of the kangaroo or kangaroo product.

6 (d) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Commerce, in
7 consultation with the Attorney General, the Secretary of
8 Agriculture, and any other agency the Secretary of Com-
9 merce determines appropriate, shall issue regulations nec-
10 essary to implement this section.

11 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsections (a), (b), and (c)
12 shall take effect on the date that is 180 days after the
13 date of the enactment of this section.

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