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# H. R. 520

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 25, 2023

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

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## 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. TREATMENT OF ARTIFICIALLY PROPAGATED**  
4 **ANIMALS.**

5 Section 4 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16  
6 U.S.C. 1533) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
7 lowing new subsection:

1       “(j) TREATMENT OF ARTIFICIALLY PROPAGATED  
2 ANIMALS.—The Secretary shall not distinguish between  
3 naturally propagated animals and artificially propagated  
4 animals in making any determination under this Act.”.

5 **SEC. 2. ARTIFICIAL PROPAGATION FOR MITIGATION PUR-**  
6 **POSES.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 14 of the Endangered  
8 Species Act of 1973 (relating to repeals of provisions of  
9 law, which have executed) is amended to read as follows:

10      “ARTIFICIAL PROPAGATION FOR MITIGATION PURPOSES

11      “SEC. 14. The Secretary shall authorize the use of  
12 artificial propagation of animals of a species for purposes  
13 of any mitigation required under this Act with respect to  
14 such species.”.

15       (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of con-  
16 tents in the first section of such Act is amended by strik-  
17 ing the item relating to such section and inserting the fol-  
18 lowing:

    “Sec. 14. Artificial propagation for mitigation purposes.”.

19 **SEC. 3. APPLICATION.**

20       The amendments made by this Act shall apply with  
21 respect to a species without regard to whether the species  
22 was determined to be an endangered species or threatened  
23 species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16

1 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) before, on, or after the date of enact-  
2 ment of this Act.

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