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and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself and Mr. BOOKER) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and
Public Works

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 2024”.

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.

3 (3) LOCATION OF OFFENSE.—A defendant shall
4 be deemed to have committed the offense in the dis-
5 trict in which the defendant may have taken or been
6 in possession of the kangaroo or kangaroo product.

7 (d) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Commerce, in
8 consultation with the Attorney General, the Secretary of
9 Agriculture, and the head of any other agency the Sec-
10 retary of Commerce determines appropriate, shall issue
11 regulations necessary to implement this section.

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

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