

119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 6251

To amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 21, 2025

Mr. BEGICH 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. PERMITS FOR IMPORTATION OF POLAR BEAR**
2 **TROPHIES TAKEN IN SPORT HUNTS IN CAN-**
3 **ADA.**

4 Section 104(c)(5)(D) of the Marine Mammal Protec-
5 tion Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1374(c)(5)(D)) is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 “(D)(i) The Secretary of the Interior shall, ex-
8 peditiously after the expiration of the applicable 30-
9 day period under subsection (d)(2), issue a permit
10 for the importation of any polar bear part (other
11 than an internal organ) from a polar bear taken in
12 a sport hunt in Canada to any person who submits,
13 with the permit application, proof that the polar
14 bear—

15 “(I) was legally harvested by the person
16 before February 18, 1997; or

17 “(II) was legally harvested by the person
18 before May 15, 2008, from a polar bear popu-
19 lation from which a sport-hunted trophy could
20 be imported before that date in accordance with
21 section 18.30(i) of title 50, Code of Federal
22 Regulations.

23 “(ii) The Secretary shall issue permits under
24 clause (i)(I) without regard to subparagraphs (A)
25 and (C)(ii) of this paragraph, subsection (d)(3), and
26 sections 101 and 102.

1 “(iii) The Secretary shall issue permits under
2 clause (i)(II) without regard to subparagraph (C)(ii)
3 of this paragraph, subsection (d)(3), and sections
4 101 and 102.”.

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