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H. R. 2158

To exempt from the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 the expedited removal from the United States of certain snake species, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 23, 2013

Mr. FLEMING 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 “Expedited Departure
5 of Certain Snake Species Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMPLIANCE WITH LACEY ACT.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of the Lacey Act
8 Amendments of 1981 (16 U.S.C. 3371 et seq.), a qualified
9 stop of a covered snake shall not be treated as occurring
10 in interstate commerce.

1 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 (1) COVERED SNAKE.—The term “covered
3 snake” means any—

4 (A) Burmese python (*Python molurus*
5 *bivittatus*);

6 (B) Indian python (*Python molurus*
7 *molurus*);

8 (C) Northern African python (*Python*
9 *sebae*);

10 (D) Southern African python (*Python*
11 *natalensis*); and

12 (E) Yellow anaconda (*Eunectes notaeus*).

13 (2) DESIGNATED AIRPORT.—The term “des-
14 ignated airport” means an airport located at a des-
15 ignated port as defined by the United States Fish
16 and Wildlife Service under section 14.12 of title 50,
17 Code of Federal Regulations.

18 (3) QUALIFIED STOP.—The term “qualified
19 stop”—

20 (A) except as provided in subparagraph
21 (C), means any intermediate stop in an airport
22 of a covered snake in a secure container in the
23 course of transport of such snake that—

24 (i) begins in a designated airport; and

- 1 (ii) ends at a place outside of the
2 United States not later than 48 hours
3 after such transport begins;
4 (B) may include—
5 (i) such a stop at an airport that is
6 not a designated airport, to refuel or take
7 on additional cargo or passengers; or
8 (ii) transfer of the secure container in
9 an airport between aircraft used for such
10 transport outside of the United States; and
11 (C) does not include any stop in Hawaii.

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