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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Stopping Non-Native  
5 Animals from Killing Endangered Species Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSES.**

7 The purposes of this Act are—

1           (1) to eradicate non-native constrictor snakes  
2           from ecosystems in which they exist in sustainable  
3           populations; and

4           (2) to prevent non-native constrictor snakes  
5           from establishing or expanding sustainable popu-  
6           lations in ecosystems that can support such popu-  
7           lations.

8 **SEC. 3. ERADICATION AND CONTROL PROGRAM.**

9           (a) GRANT AUTHORITY.—Subject to the availability  
10          of appropriations, the Secretary of the Interior (in this  
11          Act referred to as the “Secretary”) shall establish a pro-  
12          gram to award grants to organizations that operate or will  
13          operate programs that use dogs that are trained to detect  
14          non-native constrictor snakes in order to carry out the  
15          purposes in section 2.

16          (b) APPLICATION.—Any organization seeking a grant  
17          under this section shall submit an application to the Sec-  
18          retary at such time and containing such information as  
19          the Secretary may reasonably require, including a descrip-  
20          tion of the program it operates or will operate to carry  
21          out the purposes in section 2.

22          (c) COORDINATION.—In implementing the grant pro-  
23          gram under this section, the Secretary shall coordinate  
24          with—

1           (1) the chief executive of the State in which any  
2 organization that receives a grant under this section  
3 operates or will operate; and

4           (2) the head of any other appropriate entity,  
5 such as the chairperson of the South Florida Eco-  
6 system Restoration Task Force.

7           (d) COST SHARE.—

8           (1) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of  
9 the costs of any program operated by an organiza-  
10 tion that receives a grant under this section to carry  
11 out the purposes in section 2 may not exceed 50 per-  
12 cent of the total costs of the program.

13           (2) IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS.—The non-Fed-  
14 eral share of the costs of the program may include  
15 in-kind contributions of materials or services.

16           (e) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Any organization  
17 that receives a grant under this section may reserve not  
18 more than 5 percent of the grant funds for administrative  
19 expenses.

20           (f) REPORTS.—

21           (1) ORGANIZATION.—Any organization that re-  
22 ceives a grant under this section shall submit a re-  
23 port to the Secretary on such organization's  
24 progress in achieving the purposes in section 2 at

1 such time and including such additional information  
2 as the Secretary may reasonably require.

3 (2) SECRETARY.—Not later than one year after  
4 the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually  
5 thereafter through fiscal year 2017, the Secretary  
6 shall submit a report to Congress on the progress  
7 made by each organization receiving a grant under  
8 this section in achieving the purposes in section 2.

9 (g) NON-NATIVE CONSTRICTOR SNAKES DEFINED.—  
10 In this Act, the term “non-native constrictor snakes”  
11 means the following species:

12 (1) Any species listed in section 16.15(a) of  
13 title 50, Code of Federal Regulations.

14 (2) *Python reticulatus* (reticulated python).

15 (3) *Eunectes murinus* (green anaconda).

16 (4) *Eunectes beniensis* (Beni or Bolivian ana-  
17 conda).

18 (5) *Eunectes deschauenseei* (DeSchauensee’s an-  
19 aconda).

20 (6) *Boa constrictor*.

21 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

22 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-  
23 retary to carry out this Act \$4,000,000 for each of fiscal  
24 years 2013 through 2016.