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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

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A BILL

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the ‘Expedited Departure of Certain Snake Species Act’.

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

(a) In General- For purposes of the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 (16 U.S.C. 3371 et seq.), a qualified stop of a covered snake shall not be treated as occurring in interstate commerce.

(b) Definitions- In this section:

(1) COVERED SNAKE- The term ‘covered snake’ means any--

- (A) Burmese python (*Python molurus bivittatus*);
- (B) Indian python (*Python molurus molurus*);
- (C) Northern African python (*Python sebae*);
- (D) Southern African python (*Python natalensis*); and
- (E) Yellow anaconda (*Eunectes notaeus*).

(2) DESIGNATED AIRPORT- The term ‘designated airport’ means an airport located at a designated port as defined by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service under section 14.12 of title 50, Code of Federal Regulations.

(3) QUALIFIED STOP- The term ‘qualified stop’--

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

(i) begins in a designated airport; and

(ii) ends at a place outside of the United States not later than 48 hours after such transport begins;

(B) may include--

(i) such a stop at an airport that is not a designated airport, to refuel or take on additional cargo or passengers; or

(ii) transfer of the secure container in an airport between aircraft used for such transport outside of the United States; and

(C) does not include any stop in Hawaii.