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# H. R. 9568

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

Ms. MACE (for herself, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. GAETZ, and Mr. CARTER of Louisiana) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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 “Snowmobiles Aren’t  
5 Weapons Act” or the “SAW Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. USE A MOTOR VEHICLE TO INTENTIONALLY RUN**  
2 **OVER OR KILL A WILD ANIMAL ON PUBLIC**  
3 **LANDS PROHIBITED.**

4 (a) PROHIBITION.—Except as provided in subsection  
5 (b), whoever intentionally uses a motor vehicle to run over,  
6 strike, or kill a wild animal on public lands shall be fined  
7 not more than \$5,000, imprisoned not more than 1 year,  
8 or both.

9 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—A person shall not be considered  
10 to have violated the prohibition in subsection (a) if their  
11 actions were taken—

12 (1) to avoid injury or death to themselves or  
13 another person;

14 (2) to avoid the destruction of personal prop-  
15 erty; or

16 (3) while conducting wildlife management ac-  
17 tivities pursuant to a preexisting wildlife manage-  
18 ment plan.

19 (c) INVESTIGATION OF VIOLATIONS.—The Secretary  
20 of the Interior, or a person authorized by the Secretary—

21 (1) shall make such investigations as the Sec-  
22 retary deems necessary to determine whether any  
23 person has violated or is violating this Act; and

24 (2) when conducting investigations under this  
25 subsection, may request and accept the assistance of

1 State and local law enforcement and governmental  
2 agencies.

3 (d) STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this  
4 Act shall be construed to affect section 13 of the Fish  
5 and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742j–1).

6 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act—

7 (1) the term “motor vehicle” means a ground-  
8 based self-propelled vehicle or a vehicle propelled or  
9 drawn by a ground-based self-propelled vehicle;

10 (2) the term “public lands” means any land  
11 owned by the United States and administered by the  
12 Secretary of the Interior, except lands where the  
13 title is held in trust by the United States for the  
14 benefit of an American Indian tribe or an individual  
15 American Indian; and

16 (3) the term “wild animal” means a wolf or  
17 coyote.

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