

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4358

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources

AN ACT

To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Little Manatee River as a component of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Little Manatee Wild
3 and Scenic River Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION FOR STUDY OF WILD AND SCENIC**
5 **RIVER SEGMENTS, LITTLE MANATEE RIVER,**
6 **FLORIDA.**

7 Section 5(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16
8 U.S.C. 1276(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing:

10 “(____) LITTLE MANATEE RIVER, FLORIDA.—

11 The approximately 50-mile segment beginning at the
12 source in southeastern Hillsborough County, Flor-
13 ida, downstream to the point at which the river en-
14 ters Tampa Bay, including appropriate tributaries,
15 but shall not include—

16 “(A) those portions lying within Manatee
17 County, Florida, and being more particularly
18 described as Parcel ID 247800059, Parcel ID
19 248200008 and Parcel ID 248100000; and

20 “(B) South Fork.”.

21 **SEC. 3. STUDY AND REPORT.**

22 Section 5(b) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16
23 U.S.C. 1276(b)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
24 lowing:

25 “(____) LITTLE MANATEE RIVER, FLORIDA.—

26 Not later than 3 years after the date on which funds

1 are made available to carry out this paragraph, the
2 Secretary of the Interior shall—

3 “(A) complete the study of the Little Man-
4 atee River, Florida named in subsection
5 (a)(__); and

6 “(B) submit to the Committee on Natural
7 Resources of the House of Representatives and
8 the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
9 sources of the Senate a report that describes
10 the results of the study.”.

11 **SEC. 4. EFFECT ON MANAGEMENT.**

12 This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall
13 not interfere with the current management of the area of
14 the Little Manatee River described in section 5(a)(__) of
15 the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, nor shall the fact that
16 such area is listed for study under the Wild and Scenic
17 Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1271 et seq.) be used as justifica-

1 tion for more restrictive management until Congress acts
2 on the study recommendations.

Passed the House of Representatives September 20,
2022.

Attest: CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.

By KEVIN F. McCUMBER,
Deputy Clerk.