

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 276

To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to include a prohibition on the listing of a living nonnative species as a threatened species or an endangered species, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 8, 2021

Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. PAUL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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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 “Saving America’s Vul-
5 nerable and Endangered Species Act” or the “SAVES
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON LISTING OF LIVING NONNATIVE**
 2 **SPECIES AS THREATENED SPECIES OR EN-**
 3 **DANGERED SPECIES.**

4 (a) LIMITATION.—The Endangered Species Act of
 5 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) is amended by adding at
 6 the end the following:

7 **“SEC. 19. PROHIBITION ON LISTING OF LIVING NONNATIVE**
 8 **SPECIES AS THREATENED SPECIES OR EN-**
 9 **DANGERED SPECIES.**

10 “Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Sec-
 11 retary shall not list under section 4(c) any living nonnative
 12 species.”.

13 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
 14 tents for the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C.
 15 prec. 1531) is amended by inserting after the item relating
 16 to section 17 the following:

“Sec. 18. Annual cost analysis by the Fish and Wildlife Service.

“Sec. 19. Prohibition on listing of living nonnative species as threatened species
 or endangered species.”.

