

117TH CONGRESS
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S. 5283

To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Little Manatee River in the State of Florida for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 15, 2022

Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself and Mr. RUBIO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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 “Little Manatee Wild
5 and Scenic River Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION FOR STUDY OF WILD AND SCENIC**
 2 **RIVER SEGMENT, LITTLE MANATEE RIVER,**
 3 **FLORIDA.**

4 (a) DESIGNATION.—Section 5(a) of the Wild and
 5 Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(a)) is amended by add-
 6 ing at the end the following:

7 “(145) LITTLE MANATEE RIVER, FLORIDA.—
 8 The approximately 50-mile segment of the Little
 9 Manatee River beginning at the source in south-
 10 eastern Hillsborough County, Florida, downstream
 11 to the point at which the river enters Tampa Bay,
 12 including appropriate tributaries, but excluding—

13 “(A) those portions lying within Manatee
 14 County, Florida, that are more particularly de-
 15 scribed as—

16 “(i) Parcel ID 247800059;

17 “(ii) Parcel ID 248200008; and

18 “(iii) Parcel ID 248100000; and

19 “(B) South Fork.”.

20 (b) STUDY AND REPORT.—Section 5(b) of the Wild
 21 and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(b)) is amended
 22 by adding at the end the following:

23 “(22) LITTLE MANATEE RIVER, FLORIDA.—Not
 24 later than 3 years after the date on which funds are
 25 made available to carry out this paragraph, the Sec-
 26 retary of the Interior shall—

1 “(A) complete the study of the Little Man-
2 atee River, Florida, described in subsection
3 (a)(145); and

4 “(B) submit to the Committee on Energy
5 and Natural Resources of the Senate and the
6 Committee on Natural Resources of the House
7 of Representatives a report that describes the
8 results of the study described in subparagraph
9 (A).”.

10 (c) EFFECT ON MANAGEMENT.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this Act or an
12 amendment made by this Act interferes with the ex-
13 isting management of the segment of the Little
14 Manatee River described in paragraph (145) of sec-
15 tion 5(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16
16 U.S.C. 1276(a)).

17 (2) NO JUSTIFICATION FOR RESTRICTIVE MAN-
18 AGEMENT.—The fact that the river segment de-
19 scribed in paragraph (145) of section 5(a) of the
20 Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(a)) is
21 designated for study under that section shall not be
22 used as justification for more restrictive manage-
23 ment of the segment until the date on which Con-
24 gress acts on the study recommendations.

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