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106<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 2778

[Report No. 106-678]

To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Taunton River in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 5, 1999

Mr. MOAKLEY (for himself, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, and Mr. MCGOVERN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

JUNE 19, 2000

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[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

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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 “Taunton River Wild  
5 and Scenic River Study Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       The Congress finds that—

8           (1) the Taunton River in the Commonwealth of  
9       Massachusetts possesses important resource values,  
10       including wildlife, ecological, and scenic values, and  
11       historic sites and a cultural past important to Amer-  
12       ica’s heritage;

13           (2) there is strong support among State and  
14       local officials, area residents, and river users for a  
15       cooperative wild and scenic river study of the area;  
16       and

17           (3) there is a longstanding interest among  
18       State and local officials, area residents, and river  
19       users in undertaking a concerted cooperative effort  
20       to manage the river in a productive and meaningful  
21       way.

22 **SEC. 3. STUDY AND REPORT.**

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

1 “( ) The study of the Taunton River, Massachusetts,  
2 shall be completed by the Secretary of the Interior and  
3 the report thereon submitted to Congress not later than  
4 3 years after the date of the enactment of this para-  
5 graph.”.

6 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

7 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums  
8 as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

9 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

10 *This Act may be cited as the “Taunton River Wild*  
11 *and Scenic River Study Act of 2000”.*

12 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

13 *Congress finds that—*

14 *(1) the Taunton River in the State of Massachu-*  
15 *setts possesses important resource values (including*  
16 *wildlife, ecological, and scenic values), historic sites,*  
17 *and a cultural past important to the heritage of the*  
18 *United States;*

19 *(2) there is strong support among State and*  
20 *local officials, area residents, and river users for a co-*  
21 *operative wild and scenic river study of the area; and*

22 *(3) there is a longstanding interest among State*  
23 *and local officials, area residents, and river users in*  
24 *undertaking a concerted cooperative effort to manage*  
25 *the river in a productive and meaningful way.*

1 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION FOR STUDY.**

2 *Section 5(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16*  
3 *U.S.C. 1276(a)) is amended—*

4 *(1) by designating the undesignated paragraph*  
5 *following (135) as paragraph (136); and*

6 *(2) by adding at the end the following:*

7 *“(137) TAUNTON RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS.—The seg-*  
8 *ment downstream from the headwaters, from the confluence*  
9 *of the Town River and the Matfield River in Bridgewater*  
10 *to the confluence with the Forge River in Raynham, Massa-*  
11 *chusetts.”.*

12 **SEC. 4. STUDY AND REPORT.**

13 *Section 5(b) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16*  
14 *U.S.C. 1276(b)) is amended—*

15 *(1) by redesignating the second paragraph (8) as*  
16 *paragraph (10);*

17 *(2) by redesignating the second paragraph (11)*  
18 *as paragraph (12);*

19 *(3) by redesignating the third paragraph (11) as*  
20 *paragraph (13);*

21 *(4) by redesignating the fourth paragraph (11)*  
22 *as paragraph (14);*

23 *(5) by redesignating the first undesignated para-*  
24 *graph as paragraph (15);*

25 *(6) by redesignating the second undesignated*  
26 *paragraph as paragraph (16);*

1           (7) in paragraph (16), as so redesignated by  
2           paragraph (6) of this subsection, by striking “para-  
3           graph ( )” and inserting “paragraph (136)”; and

4           (8) by adding at the end the following:

5           “(17) TAUNTON RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS.—Not later  
6 than 3 years after the date of enactment of this paragraph,  
7 the Secretary of the Interior—

8           “(A) shall complete the study of the Taunton  
9           River, Massachusetts; and

10           “(B) shall submit to Congress a report describing  
11           the results of the study.”.

12 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

13           There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as  
14 are necessary to carry out this Act.

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