

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. LOWEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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. CONDITIONS ON ISSUANCE OF MIGRATORY**
4 **BIRD DEPREDATION PERMITS FOR GEESE**
5 **CULLING.**

6 (a) PUBLIC NOTICE AND COMMENT REQUIRE-
7 MENTS.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall direct the Ad-

1 ministrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection
2 Service, upon receipt of an application for a Migratory
3 Bird Depredation Permit for the culling of geese, to pro-
4 vide—

5 (1) notice of receipt of the application and a de-
6 scription of the control method proposed by the ap-
7 plication in a newspaper of general circulation serv-
8 ing the community to which the application applies;
9 and

10 (2) a period of not less than 14 days for the
11 submission of written comments by interested per-
12 sons regarding the merits of the application and the
13 feasibility of using alternative non-lethal manage-
14 ment techniques.

15 (b) CONSIDERATION OF NON-LETHAL MANAGEMENT
16 TECHNIQUES.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall direct
17 the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspec-
18 tion Service, when considering an application for a Migra-
19 tory Bird Depredation Permit for the culling of geese, to
20 discuss with the person submitting the application the
21 availability of non-lethal management techniques that
22 would be feasible alternatives to culling to reduce geese
23 depredations.