

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1538

To amend the Federal Power Act to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to minimize infringement on the exercise and enjoyment of property rights in issuing hydropower licenses, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 15, 2017

Mr. GRIFFITH (for himself, Mr. GARRETT, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. MULLIN, and Mrs. HARTZLER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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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 “Supporting Home
5 Owner Rights Enforcement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. HYDROPOWER LICENSES.**

7 (a) LICENSES.—Section 4(e) of the Federal Power
8 Act (16 U.S.C. 797(e)) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “and” after “recreational oppor-
2 tunities,”; and

3 (2) by inserting “, and minimizing infringement
4 on the useful exercise and enjoyment of property
5 rights held by nonlicensees” after “aspects of envi-
6 ronmental quality”.

7 (b) PRIVATE LANDOWNERSHIP.—Section 10 of the
8 Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 803) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by inserting “, includ-
10 ing minimizing infringement on the useful exercise
11 and enjoyment of property rights held by non-
12 licensees” after “section 4(e)”; and

13 (2) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(k) PRIVATE LANDOWNERSHIP.—In developing any
15 recreational resource within the project boundary, the li-
16 censee shall consider private landownership as a means to
17 encourage and facilitate—

18 “(1) private investment; and

19 “(2) increased tourism and recreational use.”.

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