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# H. R. 4038

To direct the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to conduct a study of the feasibility of establishing a National Angler's License.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 15, 1994

Mr. ZIMMER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries

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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. NATIONAL ANGLER'S LICENSE STUDY.**

4       (a) STUDY.—

5               (1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the United  
6       States Fish and Wildlife Service shall conduct a  
7       study of the feasibility of—

8               (A) establishing, under Federal law, a Na-  
9       tional Angler's License that would grant to a  
10      holder of such a license the right to engage in

1 recreational fishing in navigable waters in any  
2 State under the same conditions and restric-  
3 tions that apply under the laws of the State to  
4 an individual who holds a license, permit, or  
5 other authorization for that fishing issued by  
6 the State; and

7 (B) offering with such a license National  
8 Species Tags for various species that authorize  
9 the holder of the license to engage in a State  
10 in recreational fishing for a particular species of  
11 fish under the same conditions and restrictions  
12 that apply under any special tag or other au-  
13 thorization required under the laws of the State  
14 for that fishing.

15 (2) FEES.—The study shall include develop-  
16 ment of formulas for imposition of fees for National  
17 Angler’s Licenses and National Species Tags and al-  
18 location among the States of amounts received as  
19 such fees that would completely offset all decreases  
20 in State revenues resulting from any reduction in  
21 sales of State recreational fishing licenses because of  
22 the issuance of National Angler’s Licenses or Na-  
23 tional Species Tags.

24 (3) STATE AUTHORITY PRESERVED.—The Na-  
25 tional Angler’s Licenses and National Species Tags

1 to be studied under this subsection are licenses and  
2 tags that could be used in lieu of, but would not su-  
3 persede or preempt, any license, tag, or other au-  
4 thorization required under State law.

5 (4) MARINE WATERS.—Nothing in this Act  
6 shall authorize the study, recommendation, adoption,  
7 or implementation of a Federal license to engage in  
8 recreational fishing in marine waters.

9 (b) REPORT.—The Director shall submit a report to  
10 the Congress on the study conducted under this section,  
11 by not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment  
12 of this Act.

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