

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

# S. 1569

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 27, 2000

Referred to the Committee on Resources

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## AN ACT

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.

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”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds that—

3 (1) the Taunton River in the State of Massa-  
4 chusetts possesses important resource values (includ-  
5 ing wildlife, ecological, and scenic values), historic  
6 sites, and a cultural past important to the heritage  
7 of the United States;

8 (2) there is strong support among State and  
9 local officials, area residents, and river users for a  
10 cooperative wild and scenic river study of the area;  
11 and

12 (3) there is a longstanding interest among  
13 State and local officials, area residents, and river  
14 users in undertaking a concerted cooperative effort  
15 to manage the river in a productive and meaningful  
16 way.

17 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION FOR STUDY.**

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

20 (1) by designating the undesignated paragraph  
21 following (135) as paragraph (136); and

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

23 “(137) TAUNTON RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS.—

24 The segment downstream from the headwaters, from  
25 the confluence of the Town River and the Matfield

1 River in Bridgewater to the confluence with the  
2 Forge River in Raynham, Massachusetts.”.

3 **SEC. 4. STUDY AND REPORT.**

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

6 (1) by redesignating the second paragraph (8)  
7 as paragraph (10);

8 (2) by redesignating the second paragraph (11)  
9 as paragraph (12);

10 (3) by redesignating the third paragraph (11)  
11 as paragraph (13);

12 (4) by redesignating the fourth paragraph (11)  
13 as paragraph (14);

14 (5) by redesignating the first undesignated  
15 paragraph as paragraph (15);

16 (6) by redesignating the second undesignated  
17 paragraph as paragraph (16); and

18 (7) by adding at the end the following:

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

22 “(A) shall complete the study of the Taun-  
23 ton River, Massachusetts; and

24 “(B) shall submit to Congress a report de-  
25 scribing the results of the study.”.

1 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2       There are authorized to be appropriated such sums  
3 as are necessary to carry out this Act.

      Passed the Senate November 19, 1999.

Attest:

GARY SISCO,

*Secretary.*