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117TH CONGRESS
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To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the Deerfield River for potential addition to the national wild and scenic rivers system, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MCGOVERN 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Deerfield River Wild
5 and Scenic River Study Act of 2021”.



1 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION FOR STUDY; REPORT.**

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

4 (1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the
5 following:

6 “(145) DEERFIELD RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS
7 AND VERMONT.—The entire river, including—

8 “(A) the North, South, East, and West
9 Branches of the Deerfield River; and


10 “(B) the major tributaries of the Deerfield
11 River, including the Green River, North River,
12 South River, Clesson Brook, Chickley River,
13 Cold River, Gulf Brook, Bog Brook, and Dun-
14 bar Brook.”; and

15 (2) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the
16 following:

17 “(22) DEERFIELD RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS AND
18 VERMONT.—

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years
20 after the date on which funds are made avail-
21 able to carry out this paragraph, the Secretary
22 of the Interior shall—

23 “(i) complete the study described in
24 subsection (a)(145); and



1 “(ii) submit to the appropriate com-
2 mittees of Congress a report describing the
3 results of such study.

4 “(B) LIMITATION.—In conducting the
5 study described in paragraph (145) of sub-
6 section (a), the Secretary of the Interior shall
7 not consider the acquisition of additional Fed-
8 eral land within the boundary of the river seg-
9 ments described in such paragraph.”.

