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H. R. 5818

To provide clarification regarding the common or usual name for bison and compliance with section 403 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 7, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER (for himself and Mr. LONG) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Truth in Buffalo La-
5 beling Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMMON OR USUAL NAME FOR NORTH AMERICAN**
2 **BISON.**

3 Section 403 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic
4 Act (21 U.S.C. 343) is amended by adding at the end the
5 following:

6 “(z)(1) Subject to subparagraph (2), if it is a food
7 that is or contains any animal in the genus *Bubalus* and
8 the labeling uses the term ‘buffalo’ as a common or usual
9 name for the food, unless the term used in the labeling
10 of that food is ‘water buffalo’.

11 “(2) Subparagraph (1) shall not be construed as pro-
12 hibiting the use of the term ‘buffalo’ as a common or usual
13 name for the animal *Bison bison bison* (commonly known
14 as the plains bison), or the animal *Bison bison athabasca*
15 (commonly known as the wood bison).”.

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