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118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MCGOVERN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Deerfield River Wild  
5       and Scenic River Study Act of 2023”.

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.—Not later than 3 years after the date on  
19 which funds are made available to carry out this  
20 paragraph, the Secretary of the Interior shall—

21 “(A) complete the study described in sub-  
22 section (a)(145); and

23 “(B) submit to the appropriate committees  
24 of Congress a report describing the results of  
25 such study.”.