

## 115TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

## H. R. 1195

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 16, 2017

Mr. Zeldin introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

## 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 "Local Fishing Access
  - 5 Act".
  - 6 SEC. 2. FISHING IN BLOCK ISLAND SOUND TRANSIT ZONE.
  - 7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Commerce, in
  - 8 consultation with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries

1	Commission, may issue regulations to permit and regulate
2	Atlantic striped bass fishing in the Block Island Sound
3	Transit Zone.
4	(b) Block Island Sound Transit Zone De-
5	FINED.—In this section the term "Block Island Sound
6	transit zone" means the area of the exclusive economic
7	zone north of a line connecting Montauk Light, Montauk
8	Point, New York, and Block Island Southeast Light,
9	Block Island, Rhode Island; and west of a line connecting
10	Point Judith Light, Point Judith, Rhode Island, and
11	Block Island Southeast Light, Block Island, Rhode Island.
12	(c) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this section or the
13	regulations issued under this section shall affect—
14	(1) any permit that—
15	(A) is issued under any other provision of
16	law by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric
17	Administration, including a permit issued be-
18	fore the date of the enactment of this Act; and
19	(B) authorizes fishing in the Block Island
20	Sound Transit Zone; or
21	(2) any activity authorized by such a permit.