

113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5069

AN ACT

To amend the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act to increase in the price of Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps to fund the acquisition of conservation easements for migratory birds, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Federal Duck Stamp
3 Act of 2014”.

4 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN PRICE OF MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING**
5 **AND CONSERVATION STAMP TO FUND ACQUI-**
6 **SITION OF CONSERVATION EASEMENTS FOR**
7 **MIGRATORY BIRDS.**

8 The Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation
9 Stamp Act is amended—

10 (1) in section 2(b) (16 U.S.C. 718b(b))—

11 (A) by striking “1990, and” and inserting
12 “1990,”; and

13 (B) by striking “for each hunting year
14 thereafter” and inserting “for hunting years
15 1991 through 2013, and \$25 for each hunting
16 year thereafter”;

17 (2) by adding at the end of section 2 (16
18 U.S.C. 718b) the following:

19 “(c) REDUCTION IN PRICE OF STAMP.—The Sec-
20 retary may reduce the price of each stamp sold under the
21 provisions of this section for a hunting year if the Sec-
22 retary determines that the increase in the price of the
23 stamp after hunting year 2013 resulted in a reduction in
24 revenues deposited into the fund.”; and

25 (3) in section 4 (16 U.S.C. 718d)—

(A) in subsection (a)(3), by inserting before the period the following: “, in which there shall be a subaccount to which the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer all amounts in excess of \$15 that are received from the sale of each stamp sold for each hunting year after hunting year 2013”;

(B) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “So much” and inserting “Except as provided in paragraph (4), so much”;

(C) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “paragraph (3)” and inserting “paragraphs (3) and (4)”; and

(D) by adding at the end of subsection (b) the following:

“(4) CONSERVATION EASEMENTS.—Amounts in the subaccount referred to in subsection (a)(3) shall be used by the Secretary solely to acquire easements in real property in the United States for conservation of migratory birds.”.

SEC. 3. ANNUAL REPORT ON EXPENDITURES.

Section 4 of the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act (16 U.S.C. 718d) is further amended—

(1) in subsection (c)—

1 (A) by striking so much as precedes “The
2 Secretary may” and inserting the following:

3 “(c) PROMOTION OF STAMP SALES.—”; and

4 (B) by striking paragraph (2); and

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

6 “(d) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Secretary shall include
7 in each annual report of the Commission under section
8 3 of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C.
9 715b)—

10 “(1) a description of activities conducted under
11 subsection (c) in the year covered by the report;

12 “(2) an annual assessment of the status of wet-
13 lands conservation projects for migratory bird con-
14 servation purposes, including a clear and accurate
15 accounting of—

16 “(A) all expenditures by Federal and State
17 agencies under this section; and

18 “(B) all expenditures made for fee-simple
19 acquisition of Federal lands in the United
20 States, including the amount paid and acreage
21 of each parcel acquired in each acquisition;

22 “(3) an analysis of the refuge lands opened,
23 and refuge lands closed, for hunting and fishing in
24 the year covered by the report, including—

1 “(A) identification of the specific areas in
2 each refuge and the reasons for the closure or
3 opening; and

4 “(B) a detailed description of each closure
5 including detailed justification for such closure;

6 “(4) the total number of acres of refuge land
7 open for hunting and fishing, and the total number
8 of acres of refuge land closed for hunting and fish-
9 ing, in the year covered by the report; and

10 “(5) a separate report on the hunting and fish-
11 ing status of those lands added to the system in the
12 year covered by the report.”.

13 **SEC. 4. EXEMPTION FOR TAKINGS BY RURAL ALASKA SUB-**
14 **SISTENCE USERS.**

15 Section 1(a)(2) of the Migratory Bird Hunting and
16 Conservation Stamp Act (16 U.S.C. 718a(a)(2)) is amend-
17 ed by striking “or” after the semicolon at the end of sub-
18 paragraph (B), by striking the period at the end of sub-
19 paragraph (C) and inserting “; or”, and by adding at the
20 end the following:

21 “(D) by a rural Alaska resident for sub-
22 sistence uses (as that term is defined in section

1 803 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Con-
2 servation Act (16 U.S.C. 3113)).”.

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2014.

Attest:

Clerk.

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