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## 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)—

1 (A) in subsection (a)(3), by inserting be-  
2 fore the period the following: “, in which there  
3 shall be a subaccount to which the Secretary of  
4 the Treasury shall transfer all amounts in ex-  
5 cess of \$15 that are received from the sale of  
6 each stamp sold for each hunting year after  
7 hunting year 2013”;

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

11 (C) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “para-  
12 graph (3)” and inserting “paragraphs (3) and  
13 (4)”;

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

16 “(4) CONSERVATION EASEMENTS.—Amounts in  
17 the subaccount referred to in subsection (a)(3) shall  
18 be used by the Secretary solely to acquire easements  
19 in real property in the United States for conserva-  
20 tion of migratory birds.”.

21 **SEC. 3. ANNUAL REPORT ON EXPENDITURES.**

22 Section 4 of the Migratory Bird Hunting and Con-  
23 servation Stamp Act (16 U.S.C. 718d) is further amend-  
24 ed—

25 (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)).”.

Passed the House of Representatives November 17,  
2014.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,  
*Clerk.*