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H. R. 5756

To restore a public firearms range to the District of Columbia.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

A BILL

To restore a public firearms range to the District of
Columbia.

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 “Heller Public Firearms
5 Range Act of 2014”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The right to keep and bear arms in the Dis-
9 trict of Columbia has been severely restricted for
10 many years, resulting in citizens with firearms skills
11 insufficient for proper safety.

1 (2) The ability of the public to safely use fire-
2 arms for hunting and self defense is dependent on
3 sufficient opportunities for safety education and
4 training.

5 (3) The Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration
6 Act (16 U.S.C. 669 et seq.) facilitates hunter and
7 firearm safety education and training for all States.

8 (4) Richard A. Heller of Washington, DC, has
9 shown untiring energy and courage in pursuing Sec-
10 ond Amendment rights for the citizens of the Dis-
11 trict of Columbia, resulting in the landmark Su-
12 preme Court decision in the case District of Colum-
13 bia v. Heller (554 U.S. 570, 2008).

14 **SEC. 3. AMENDMENTS TO THE PITTMAN-ROBERTSON WILD-**
15 **LIFE RESTORATION ACT.**

16 (a) APPORTIONMENT TO DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—
17 Section 4(c) of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restora-
18 tion Act (16 U.S.C. 669c(c)) is amended by inserting “the
19 District of Columbia,” after “Puerto Rico,”.

20 (b) COOPERATION AND PAYMENT OF FUNDS.—Sec-
21 tion 8A of such Act (16 U.S.C. 669g–1) is amended to
22 read as follows:

23 **“SEC. 8A. COOPERATION AND PAYMENT OF FUNDS.**

24 “(a) COOPERATION AND PAYMENT.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Inte-
2 rior—

3 “(A) may cooperate with the Secretary of
4 Agriculture of Puerto Rico, the Mayor of the
5 District of Columbia, the Governor of Guam,
6 the Governor of American Samoa, the Governor
7 of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana
8 Islands, and the Governor of the Virgin Islands,
9 in the conduct of wildlife restoration projects
10 and hunter safety programs as provided by sec-
11 tion 8(b), upon such terms and conditions as
12 the Secretary deems fair, just, and equitable;
13 and

14 “(B) subject to paragraph (2), may appor-
15 tion to Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia,
16 Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of
17 the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Virgin
18 Islands, out of the money available for appor-
19 tionment under this Act, such sums as the Sec-
20 retary shall determine, which shall not exceed,
21 for any year—

22 “(i) for Puerto Rico and the District
23 of Columbia, one-half of 1 percent of the
24 total amount apportioned for the year;

1 “(ii) for Guam, one-sixth of 1 percent
2 of such total amount apportioned;

3 “(iii) for American Samoa, one-sixth
4 of 1 percent of such total amount appor-
5 tioned;

6 “(iv) for the Commonwealth of the
7 Northern Mariana Islands, one-sixth of 1
8 percent of such total amount apportioned;
9 and

10 “(v) for the Virgin Islands, one-sixth
11 of 1 percent of such total amount appor-
12 tioned.

13 “(2) LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall not re-
14 quire any of such cooperating agencies to pay an
15 amount that exceeds 25 percent of the cost of any
16 project.

17 “(b) UNEXPENDED AND UNOBLIGATED APPORTION-
18 MENTS.—Any unexpended or unobligated balance of any
19 apportionment made under this section—

20 “(1) shall be available for expenditure in Puerto
21 Rico, the District of Columbia, Guam, American
22 Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana
23 Islands, or the Virgin Islands, as applicable, in the
24 succeeding year, on any approved project; and

1 “(2) if unexpended or unobligated at the end of
2 such year may be made available for expenditure by
3 the Secretary in carrying out the Migratory Bird
4 Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 715 et seq.).”.

5 (c) ADDITIONAL APPORTIONMENT TO DISTRICT OF
6 COLUMBIA.—If before the date of the enactment of this
7 Act the Secretary of the Interior makes an apportionment
8 of funds under any of subsection (b) or (c) of section 4
9 or section 10(a) of such Act (16 U.S.C. 669c, 669h–1(a))
10 for the fiscal year in which this Act takes effect, the Sec-
11 retary shall make an additional apportionment under that
12 subsection or section, respectively, to the District of Co-
13 lumbia for the fiscal year in an amount equal to the
14 amount that would have been apportioned to the District
15 under that subsection or section, as applicable, if this Act
16 were effective at the time of the preceding apportionment
17 under that subsection or section.

18 (d) GRANT FOR CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF
19 INDOOR PUBLIC TARGET RANGE FOR FIREARM USERS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Inte-
21 rior shall use amounts in the Federal aid to wildlife
22 restoration fund to make a grant in fiscal year 2015
23 to the Mayor of the District of Columbia for the
24 construction and operation of an indoor public target
25 range for firearms users in the District of Columbia.

1 (2) AMOUNT.—A grant under this subsection
2 shall not exceed \$750,000.

3 (3) RANGE REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary
4 shall require that any target range constructed with
5 a grant under this subsection shall include—

6 (A) at least 10 firing lanes of at least 25
7 yards in length each;

8 (B) classroom facilities for hunter and fire-
9 arm safety education and training;

10 (C) offices suitable for retail sales of fire-
11 arms and ammunition by holders of Federal
12 firearms licenses;

13 (D) secure storage for firearms stocked by
14 federally licensed firearm dealers and for pur-
15 poses related to the operation of the range; and

16 (E) such other amenities as are appro-
17 priate for a public firearms range.

18 (4) CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION BY SEC-
19 RETARY.—If the Mayor of the District of Columbia
20 fails to apply for such grant by not later than 90
21 days after the date of the enactment of this Act or
22 fails to construct a target range with such a grant
23 in accordance with this subsection by not later than
24 one year after such date of enactment, the Secretary
25 shall construct and operate an indoor public fire-

1 arms target range on suitable Federal land within
2 the District of Columbia using funds in the Federal
3 aid to wildlife restoration fund, and the amount
4 available for a grant under this subsection or from
5 other sources.

6 (5) OPERATING COSTS.—The ongoing costs of
7 operation of such range constructed and operated by
8 the District under this Act, or one constructed and
9 operated by the Secretary under this Act, shall be
10 paid—

11 (A) through funds annually apportioned to
12 the District of Columbia from the Federal aid
13 to wildlife restoration fund,

14 (B) through amounts apportioned to the
15 District, pursuant to a grant,

16 (C) by fees paid by users of the range, that
17 shall be comparable to fees charged for use of
18 public target ranges in the commercial market,
19 and

20 (D) by funds raised from the public.

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