

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3645

To amend the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act to give the Secretary of the Interior, with the approval of the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission, the authority to periodically increase the price of Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps to account for inflation in funding the acquisition of interests in land for the conservation of migratory birds, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 29, 2015

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

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Federal Duck Stamp
3 Price Stability Act of 2015”.

4 **SEC. 2. PERIODIC INCREASE IN PRICE OF MIGRATORY**
5 **BIRD HUNTING AND CONSERVATION STAMP**
6 **TO ACCOUNT FOR INFLATION.**

7 Section 2 of the Migratory Bird Hunting and Con-
8 servation Stamp Act (16 U.S.C. 718b) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (b), by striking “The Postal”
10 and inserting “Except as provided in subsections (c)
11 and (d), the Postal”; and

12 (2) by adding at the end of the following:

13 “(d) INCREASE IN PRICE OF STAMP.—

14 “(1) INCREASE AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary
15 may, after notice and public comment, increase the
16 price of each stamp sold under this section by an
17 amount not to exceed \$10 for a hunting year if the
18 Secretary determines the increase—

19 “(A) is commensurate with the level of in-
20 flation as determined by the adjustments in the
21 Consumer Price Index since the last increase;
22 and

23 “(B) is approved unanimously by the Mi-
24 gratory Bird Conservation Commission.

1 “(2) EFFECTIVE DATE OF INCREASE.—An in-
2 crease in price under paragraph (1) shall take ef-
3 fect—

4 “(A) no earlier than 2 years after the ef-
5 fective date of the last increase in price; and

6 “(B) no later than January 1 of the cal-
7 endar year preceding the hunting year.”.

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