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S. 2690

To amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to modernize the funding of wildlife conservation, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 16, 2016

Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mrs. FISCHER, and Ms. HEITKAMP) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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 “Modernizing the Pitt-
5 man-Robertson Fund for Tomorrow’s Needs Act of 2016”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

7 The first section of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife
8 Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669) is amended by adding
9 at the end the following: “One of the purposes of this Act

1 is to extend financial and technical assistance to the
2 States for the promotion of hunting and recreational
3 shooting.”.

4 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

5 Section 2 of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restora-
6 tion Act (16 U.S.C. 669a) is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through
8 (8) as paragraphs (4) through (10), respectively;
9 and

10 (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
11 lowing:

12 “(2) the term ‘hunter recruitment and rec-
13 reational shooter recruitment’ means any activity or
14 project to recruit or retain hunters and recreational
15 shooters, including by—

16 “(A) using social media, marketing, adver-
17 tising, surveying, television spots, print, and
18 media;

19 “(B) providing education, mentoring, and
20 field demonstrations;

21 “(C) enhancing access for hunting and rec-
22 reational shooting, including through range con-
23 struction;

1 “(D) providing education to the public
2 about the role of hunting and recreational
3 shooting in funding wildlife conservation; and

4 “(E) using any other means to ensure the
5 growth of hunting and recreational shooting, as
6 determined by the Secretary;

7 “(3) the term ‘fiscal year’ means a period of 12
8 consecutive months beginning on October 1 and end-
9 ing on the succeeding September 30, except that the
10 period for enumeration of paid hunting-license hold-
11 ers means the fiscal year or license year of the
12 State;”.

13 **SEC. 4. ALLOCATION AND APPORTIONMENT OF AVAILABLE**
14 **AMOUNTS.**

15 (a) APPORTIONMENT TO STATES.—Section 4(b) of
16 the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (16
17 U.S.C. 669c(b)) is amended—

18 (1) in the first sentence, by striking “The Sec-
19 retary of the Interior” and inserting the following:

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary”;

21 (2) in the second sentence, by striking “Such
22 apportionments” and inserting the following:

23 “(2) ADJUSTMENTS.—The apportionments de-
24 scribed in paragraph (1)”;

25 (3) by striking the third sentence; and

1 (4) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(3) USE OF FUNDS.—

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
4 graph (B), amounts apportioned under this
5 subsection may be used for hunter recruitment
6 and recreational shooter recruitment.

7 “(B) LIMITATION.—A State may only
8 make an expenditure under subparagraph (A) if
9 the amount of the expenditure during the fiscal
10 year in which the expenditure is made plus the
11 amount of the expenditures for hunter recruit-
12 ment and recreational shooter recruitment
13 made during the 4 fiscal years preceding that
14 fiscal year is equal to or less than 25 percent
15 of the total amount apportioned to the State
16 under this subsection during that 5-fiscal-year
17 period.”.

18 (b) APPORTIONMENT OF CERTAIN TAXES.—Section
19 4(c) of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act
20 (16 U.S.C. 669c(e)) is amended—

21 (1) in the first sentence—

22 (A) by striking “One-half” and inserting
23 the following:

24 “(1) APPORTIONMENT OF CERTAIN TAXES.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
2 graph (B), 1/2”; and

3 (B) by striking “*Provided*, That each
4 State” and inserting the following:

5 “(B) CONDITION.—The apportionment
6 made under subparagraph (A) shall be subject
7 to the condition that each State”;

8 (2) in subparagraph (A) (as so designated), by
9 striking “States:” and inserting “States.”;

10 (3) in subparagraph (B) (as so designated), by
11 striking “For the purpose” and inserting the fol-
12 lowing:

13 “(2) POPULATION DETERMINATION.—For the
14 purpose”; and

15 (4) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(3) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts apportioned
17 under this subsection may be used for hunter re-
18 cruitment and recreational shooter recruitment.”.

19 **SEC. 5. EXPENDITURES FOR MANAGEMENT OF WILDLIFE**
20 **AREAS AND RESOURCES.**

21 Section 8 of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restora-
22 tion Act (16 U.S.C. 669g) is amended—

23 (1) in subsection (a), in the third sentence, by
24 striking “and public relations”; and

1 (2) in subsection (b), in the first sentence, by
2 striking “, as a part of such program”.

3 **SEC. 6. FIREARM AND BOW HUNTER EDUCATION AND SAFE-**
4 **TY PROGRAM GRANTS.**

5 Section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Pittman-Robertson Wild-
6 life Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669h-1(a)(1)(A)) is
7 amended—

8 (1) in clause (iii), by striking “and” at the end;
9 and

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

11 “(v) the enhancement of hunter re-
12 cruitment and recreational shooter recruit-
13 ment; and”.

14 **SEC. 7. MULTISTATE CONSERVATION GRANT PROGRAM.**

15 Section 11 of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Res-
16 toration Act (16 U.S.C. 669h-2) is amended—

17 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

18 (A) by striking “Not more than” and in-
19 serting the following:

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not more than”; and

21 (B) by adding at the end the following:

22 “(B) AVAILABILITY FOR HUNTER AND
23 RECREATIONAL SHOOTER GRANTS.—Not more
24 than \$5,000,000 of the revenues covered into
25 the fund from any tax imposed under section

1 4161(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986
2 for a fiscal year shall be available to the Sec-
3 retary exclusively for making hunter recruit-
4 ment and recreational shooter recruitment
5 grants that promote a national hunting and
6 shooting sport recruitment program, including
7 related communication and outreach activi-
8 ties.”;

9 (2) in subsection (b)(3), in the matter pre-
10 ceding subparagraph (A), by striking “Inter-
11 national”;

12 (3) in subsection (c)(2)(A)(i), by inserting “or
13 to recreational shooting activities” after “wildlife”;
14 and

15 (4) in subsection (d), by inserting “or to rec-
16 reational shooting activities” after “wildlife”.

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