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S. 1586

[Report No. 115–180]

To require the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere to update periodically the environmental sensitivity index products of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for each coastal area of the Great Lakes, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 19, 2017

Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. YOUNG, and Mr. FRANKEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

OCTOBER 31, 2017

Reported by Mr. THUNE, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italie*]

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. UPDATE TO ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITY**
2 **INDEX PRODUCTS OF NATIONAL OCEANIC**
3 **AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION FOR**
4 **GREAT LAKES.**

5 (a) **UPDATE REQUIRED.**—Not later than 180 days
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act and not less
7 frequently than once every 7 years thereafter, the Under
8 Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere shall update the en-
9 vironmental sensitivity index products of the National
10 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for each coastal
11 area of the Great Lakes.

12 (b) **ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITY INDEX PRODUCT**
13 **DEFINED.**—In this subsection, the term “environmental
14 sensitivity index product” means a map or similar tool
15 that is utilized to identify sensitive shoreline, coastal or
16 offshore, resources prior to an oil spill event in order to
17 set baseline priorities for protection and plan cleanup
18 strategies, typically including information relating to
19 shoreline type, biological resources, and human use re-
20 sources.

21 (c) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—

22 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—There is authorized to be
23 appropriated to the Under Secretary \$7,500,000 to
24 carry out this section.

25 (2) **AVAILABILITY.**—Amounts appropriated or
26 otherwise made available pursuant to paragraph (1)

1 shall be available to the Under Secretary for the
 2 purposes set forth in such paragraph until expended.

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Great Lakes Environ-*
 5 *mental Sensitivity Index Act of 2017”.*

6 **SEC. 2. UPDATE TO ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITY INDEX**

7 **PRODUCTS OF NATIONAL OCEANIC AND AT-**
 8 **MOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION FOR GREAT**
 9 **LAKES.**

10 *(a) UPDATE REQUIRED ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITY*
 11 *INDEX PRODUCTS FOR GREAT LAKES.—Not later than 180*
 12 *days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under*
 13 *Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere shall commence up-*
 14 *dating the environmental sensitivity index products of the*
 15 *National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for each*
 16 *coastal area of the Great Lakes.*

17 *(b) PERIODIC UPDATES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SENSI-*
 18 *TIVITY INDEX PRODUCTS GENERALLY.—Subject to the*
 19 *availability of appropriations and the priorities set forth*
 20 *in subsection (c), the Under Secretary shall—*

21 *(1) periodically update the environmental sensi-*
 22 *tivity index products of the Administration; and*

23 *(2) endeavor to do so not less frequently than*
 24 *once every 7 years.*

1 (c) *PRIORITIES.*—When prioritizing geographic areas
2 to update environmental sensitivity index products, the
3 Under Secretary shall consider—

4 (1) *the age of existing environmental sensitivity*
5 *index products for the areas;*

6 (2) *the occurrence of extreme events, be it natural*
7 *or man-made, which have significantly altered the*
8 *shoreline or ecosystem since the last update;*

9 (3) *the natural variability of shoreline and*
10 *coastal environment; and*

11 (4) *the volume of vessel traffic and general vul-*
12 *nerability to spilled pollutants.*

13 (d) *ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITY INDEX PRODUCT*
14 *DEFINED.*—In this subsection, the term “environmental
15 sensitivity index product” means a map or similar tool that
16 is utilized to identify sensitive shoreline, coastal or offshore,
17 resources prior to an oil spill event in order to set baseline
18 priorities for protection and plan cleanup strategies, typi-
19 cally including information relating to shoreline type, bio-
20 logical resources, and human use resources.

21 (e) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.*—

22 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—There is authorized to be ap-
23 propriated to the Under Secretary \$7,500,000 to
24 carry out subsection (a).

1 (2) *AVAILABILITY.*—*Amounts appropriated or*
2 *otherwise made available pursuant to paragraph (1)*
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