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2D SESSION

H. R. 3399

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 27, 2020

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and
Public Works

AN ACT

To amend the Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003
to include California in the program, 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. NUTRIA ERADICATION.**

2 The Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003
3 (Public Law 108–16) is amended—

4 (1) in section 2—

5 (A) in subsection (a)—

6 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking
7 “Wetlands and tidal marshes of the Chesapeake Bay and in Louisiana” and inserting
8 “Wetlands, tidal marshes, and agricultural
9 lands”;
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11 (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “in
12 Maryland and Louisiana”; and

13 (iii) by amending paragraph (3) to
14 read as follows:

15 “(3) Traditional harvest methods to control or
16 eradicate nutria have failed. Consequently, marsh
17 loss, loss of public and private wetlands, and loss of
18 agricultural lands are accelerating.”; and

19 (B) in subsection (b), by striking “the
20 State of Maryland and the State of Louisiana”
21 and inserting “any State that has demonstrated
22 the need”; and

23 (2) in section 3—

24 (A) by amending subsection (a) to read as
25 follows:

1 “(a) GRANT AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of the Inte-
2 rior (referred to in this Act as the ‘Secretary’), may pro-
3 vide financial assistance to a State, in an amount that is
4 in proportion to the total impacted area of such State af-
5 fected by nutria, that has demonstrated to the Secretary
6 sufficient need for a program to implement measures to
7 eradicate or control nutria and restore marshland, public
8 and private wetlands, and agricultural lands damaged by
9 nutria.”;

10 (B) by striking subsection (b);

11 (C) in subsection (d)—

12 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking “the
13 program may” and inserting “a State pro-
14 gram referred to in subsection (a) may”;
15 and

16 (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “the
17 program may” and inserting “a State pro-
18 gram referred to in subsection (a) may”;

19 (D) in subsection (e), by inserting “to a
20 State” after “provided”;

21 (E) in subsection (f), by striking
22 “\$4,000,000” and all that follows and inserting
23 “\$12,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021
24 through 2025.”; and

- 1 (F) by redesignating subsections (c)
2 through (f) as subsections (b) through (e).

Passed the House of Representatives February 26,
2020.

Attest: CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.