

116TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 4044

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 10, 2020

Received

AN ACT

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary 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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Protect and Restore
3 America’s Estuaries Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE.**

5 Section 320(a)(2)(B) of the Federal Water Pollution
6 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1330(a)(2)(B)) is amended by
7 striking “and Peconic Bay, New York” and inserting
8 “Peconic Bay, New York; Casco Bay, Maine; Tampa Bay,
9 Florida; Coastal Bend, Texas; San Juan Bay, Puerto
10 Rico; Tillamook Bay, Oregon; Piscataqua Region, New
11 Hampshire; Barnegat Bay, New Jersey; Maryland Coastal
12 Bays, Maryland; Charlotte Harbor, Florida; Mobile Bay,
13 Alabama; Morro Bay, California; and Lower Columbia
14 River, Oregon and Washington”.

15 **SEC. 3. PURPOSES OF CONFERENCE.**

16 Section 320(b)(4) of the Federal Water Pollution
17 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1330(b)(4)) is amended—

18 (1) by striking “management plan that rec-
19 ommends” and inserting “management plan that—

20 “(A) recommends”; and

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

22 “(B) addresses the effects of recurring ex-
23 treme weather events on the estuary, including
24 the identification and assessment of
25 vulnerabilities in the estuary and the develop-

1 ment and implementation of adaptation strate-
2 gies; and

3 “(C) increases public education and aware-
4 ness of the ecological health and water quality
5 conditions of the estuary;”.

6 **SEC. 4. MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE.**

7 Section 320(c)(5) of the Federal Water Pollution
8 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1330(c)(5)) is amended by insert-
9 ing “nonprofit organizations,” after “educational institu-
10 tions,”.

11 **SEC. 5. GRANTS.**

12 Section 320(g)(4)(C) of the Federal Water Pollution
13 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1330(g)(4)(C)) is amended—

14 (1) in the matter preceding clause (i)—

15 (A) by inserting “, emerging,” after “ur-
16 gent”; and

17 (B) by striking “coastal areas” and insert-
18 ing “the estuaries selected by the Administrator
19 under subsection (a)(2), or that relate to the
20 coastal resiliency of such estuaries”;

21 (2) by redesignating clauses (vi) and (vii) as
22 clauses (viii) and (ix), respectively, and inserting
23 after clause (v) the following:

24 “(vi) stormwater runoff;

25 “(vii) accelerated land loss;”; and

