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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. COTTON (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, and Mr. TUBERVILLE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Cormorant Relief Act”.

SEC. 2. REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE TAKING OF DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANTS.

(a) FORCE AND EFFECT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), sections 21.47 and 21.48 of title 50, Code of Fed-
eral Regulations (as in effect on January 1, 2016),
shall have the force and effect of law.

(2) PUBLIC NOTICE.—The Secretary of the In-
terior, acting through the Director of the United
States Fish and Wildlife Service (referred to in this
section as the "Secretary"), shall notify the public of
the authority provided by paragraph (1) in a manner
determined to be appropriate by the Secretary.

(b) SUNSET.—The authority provided by subsection
(a)(1) shall terminate on the effective date of a regulation
promulgated by the Secretary after the date of enactment
of this Act to control depredation of double-crested cor-
morant populations.

(e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
tion limits the authority of the Secretary to promulgate
regulations relating to the taking of double-crested cor-
morants under any other law.