

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5063

AN ACT

To ensure continuity of staffing at Federal beaches, 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 “Safe Beaches, Safe
3 Swimmers Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. ADEQUATE LIFEGUARD STAFFING AT FEDERAL**
5 **SWIMMING AREAS AND BEACHES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary determines there
7 is a staffing shortage with respect to a designated swim
8 location, the Secretary may seek to enter into an agree-
9 ment with one or more local government agencies to enable
10 lifeguards employed by those local government agencies
11 to—

12 (1) adequately staff such designated swim loca-
13 tion during normal seasonal operating hours; and

14 (2) ensure visitor safety and provide rescue and
15 first aid services at the designated swim location as
16 necessary.

17 (b) REIMBURSEMENT.—In entering into an agree-
18 ment under subsection (a), the Secretary shall ensure that
19 the local government agency providing the lifeguard serv-
20 ices is reimbursed for all reasonable costs incurred by the
21 local government agency in carrying out the agreement.

22 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 (1) DESIGNATED SWIM LOCATION.—The term
24 “designated swim location” means a swimming area
25 or swimming beach—

1 (A) on lands and waters managed by the
2 National Park Service, the United States Fish
3 and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Man-
4 agement, or the Bureau of Reclamation; and

5 (B) that is typically monitored by federally
6 employed lifeguards during normal seasonal op-
7 erating hours.

8 (2) STAFFING SHORTAGE.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “staffing
10 shortage” means a level of staffing that nega-
11 tively impacts the ability to adequately staff a
12 designated swim location with federally em-
13 ployed lifeguards and will likely result or has
14 resulted in a designated swim location being left
15 unmonitored by federally employed lifeguards
16 during normal seasonal operating hours.

17 (B) EXCLUSION.—The term “staffing
18 shortage” does not refer to short-term staffing
19 shortages caused by temporary absences, such
20 as an employee taking annual or sick leave.

1 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
2 the Secretary of the Interior.

 Passed the House of Representatives September 14,
2026.

Attest:

Clerk.

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