

Union Calendar No. 673

119TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5063

[Report No. 119–772]

To ensure continuity of staffing at Federal beaches, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 29, 2025

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia introduced the following bill; which was referred to
the Committee on Natural Resources

AUGUST 27, 2026

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on August 29, 2025]

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Safe Beaches, Safe*
5 *Swimmers Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. ADEQUATE LIFEGUARD STAFFING AT FEDERAL**
7 **SWIMMING AREAS AND BEACHES.**

8 *(a) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary determines there*
9 *is a staffing shortage with respect to a designated swim lo-*
10 *cation, the Secretary may seek to enter into an agreement*
11 *with one or more local government agencies to enable life-*
12 *guards employed by those local government agencies to—*

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

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

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

23 *(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

1 (1) *DESIGNATED SWIM LOCATION.*—*The term*
2 *“designated swim location” means a swimming area*
3 *or swimming beach—*

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

8 *(B) that is typically monitored by federally*
9 *employed lifeguards during normal seasonal op-*
10 *erating hours.*

11 (2) *STAFFING SHORTAGE.*—

12 *(A) IN GENERAL.*—*The term “staffing short-*
13 *age” means a level of staffing that negatively im-*
14 *pacts the ability to adequately staff a designated*
15 *swim location with federally employed lifeguards*
16 *and will likely result or has resulted in a des-*
17 *ignated swim location being left unmonitored by*
18 *federally employed lifeguards during normal sea-*
19 *sonal operating hours.*

20 *(B) EXCLUSION.*—*The term “staffing short-*
21 *age” does not refer to short-term staffing short-*
22 *ages caused by temporary absences, such as an*
23 *employee taking annual or sick leave.*

24 (3) *SECRETARY.*—*The term “Secretary” means*
25 *the Secretary of the Interior.*

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