

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 3542

To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate the Upper Raritan River Watershed in the State of New Jersey for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 17, 2025

Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. KIM) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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 “Upper Raritan River
5 Watershed Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF UPPER RARITAN RIVER WATER-**
 2 **SHED IN NEW JERSEY FOR STUDY FOR PO-**
 3 **TENTIAL ADDITION TO NATIONAL WILD AND**
 4 **SCENIC RIVERS SYSTEM.**

5 (a) DESIGNATION.—Section 5(a) of the Wild and
 6 Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(a)) is amended by add-
 7 ing at the end the following:

8 “(147) UPPER RARITAN RIVER WATERSHED,
 9 NEW JERSEY.—The segments of the North Branch
 10 Raritan River, the South Branch Raritan River, the
 11 Black or Lamington River, and their tributaries,
 12 within the Upper Raritan River watershed, including
 13 the following segments:

14 “(A) The North Branch Raritan River
 15 from its headwaters to its confluence with the
 16 South Branch Raritan River.

17 “(B) The South Branch Raritan River
 18 from its headwaters to its confluence with the
 19 North Branch Raritan River.

20 “(C) The Lamington-Black River from its
 21 headwaters to its confluence with the North
 22 Branch Raritan River.

23 “(D) All tributaries of the North Branch
 24 Raritan River, South Branch Raritan River (in-
 25 cluding those upstream of the Spruce Run Res-

1 ervoir), and Lamington-Black River within the
 2 Upper Raritan River watershed.”.

3 (b) DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION.—Section 5(b) of
 4 the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(b)) is
 5 amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(24) UPPER RARITAN RIVER WATERSHED,
 7 NEW JERSEY.—Not later than 3 years after the date
 8 on which funds are made available to carry out this
 9 paragraph, the Secretary of the Interior shall—

10 “(A) complete the study of the Upper
 11 Raritan River Watershed, New Jersey, de-
 12 scribed in paragraph (147) of subsection (a);
 13 and

14 “(B) submit to the Committee on Energy
 15 and Natural Resources of the Senate and the
 16 Committee on Natural Resources of the House
 17 of Representatives a report that describes the
 18 results of the study.”.

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