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H. R. 4803

To authorize electronic issuance and recognition of migratory bird hunting and conservation stamps.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TAUZIN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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 “Electronic Duck Stamp
5 Act of 1998”.

6 **SEC. 2. ELECTRONIC ISSUANCE OF MIGRATORY BIRD**
7 **HUNTING AND CONSERVATION STAMPS.**

8 Section 2 of the Act of March 16, 1934 (16 U.S.C.
9 718b), is amended by adding at the end the following:

10 “(c) ELECTRONIC ISSUANCE OF STAMPS.—

1 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

2 “(A) ACTUAL STAMP.—The term ‘actual
3 stamp’ means a printed paper stamp that is
4 issued and sold through a means in use on the
5 day before the date of enactment of this sub-
6 section.

7 “(B) ELECTRONIC STAMP.—The term
8 ‘electronic stamp’ means a representation of a
9 stamp issued electronically under paragraph
10 (2).

11 “(C) STAMP.—The term ‘stamp’ means a
12 migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp
13 required by the first section.

14 “(2) AUTHORIZATION.—The Department of the
15 Interior, the Postal Service, or, subject to paragraph
16 (7), a State or person authorized under subsection
17 (a) to sell stamps, may issue the stamps, or rep-
18 resentations of stamps, electronically by endorse-
19 ment affixed to licenses issued at points of sale or
20 through other electronic media. However, any such
21 representation, if issued, shall be of a size less than
22 $\frac{3}{4}$, or more than $1\frac{1}{2}$, in linear dimension, of the ac-
23 tual Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conserva-
24 tion Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp).

1 “(3) SIZE OF ELECTRONIC STAMPS.—An elec-
2 tronic stamp shall be of an area that is less than $\frac{3}{4}$,
3 or more than $1\frac{1}{2}$, of the area of an actual stamp.

4 “(4) CONFIRMATION NUMBER AND OTHER
5 IDENTIFYING INFORMATION.—

6 “(A) CONFIRMATION NUMBER.—An elec-
7 tronic stamp shall be assigned a unique con-
8 firmation number.

9 “(B) OTHER IDENTIFYING INFORMA-
10 TION.—Each issuer of an electronic stamp or
11 unique confirmation number shall also print on
12 any representation or pertinent license issued,
13 appropriate information for Federal, State, and
14 other law enforcement officers to verify the con-
15 firmation number, representation, and sales
16 transaction with the licensee.

17 “(5) DELIVERY OF ACTUAL STAMPS.—An entity
18 that issues electronic stamps or representations
19 under paragraph (1) shall have financial responsibil-
20 ity for the sale, delivery, and mailing of the cor-
21 responding printed (actual) Federal Migratory Bird
22 Hunting and Conservation Stamp to the licensee
23 within 14 calendar days of issuance.

24 “(6) RECOGNITION OF ELECTRONIC STAMPS.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—An electronic stamp
2 and its unique confirmation number shall—

3 “(i) subject to the requirements of the
4 first section, be given full recognition dur-
5 ing the period beginning on the date of
6 issuance of the electronic stamp until the
7 date on which the corresponding actual
8 stamp is received; and

9 “(ii) expire and be replaced by the ac-
10 tual stamp upon receipt of the actual
11 stamp, but not later than 14 calendar days
12 after the date of issuance of the electronic
13 stamp, if the licensee complies with the re-
14 quirements of the first section.

15 “(7) APPROVAL BY THE SECRETARY.—No State
16 or other person may participate in the electronic
17 issuance of a Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and
18 Conservation Stamp unless the Secretary has re-
19 ceived a plan submitted by the party in question
20 which provides for a satisfactory accounting process
21 for the collection and transfer of revenue, distribu-
22 tion, and law enforcement verification of the elec-
23 tronic transaction, and the subsequent distribution
24 of the actual stamp.

1 “(8) ELECTRONIC COLLECTION OF ELECTRONIC
2 STAMP SALES REVENUE.—Not later than 14 days
3 after the date of issuance of an electronic stamp
4 under this subsection, a State or person shall trans-
5 fer to the Department of the Interior or a des-
6 ignated agent the revenue collected from the
7 issuance by means of an electronic fund transfer
8 method approved by, and compatible with, the ac-
9 counting system of the Department of the Interior
10 or the designated agent.”.

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