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H. R. 1384

To provide for the issuance of a Wildlife Refuge System Conservation
Semipostal Stamp.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SABLAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To provide for the issuance of a Wildlife Refuge System
Conservation Semipostal Stamp.

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 “Wildlife Refuge System
5 Conservation Semipostal Stamp Act of 2013”.

6 **SEC. 2. WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM CONSERVATION**
7 **SEMIPOSTAL STAMP.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—In order to afford a convenient
9 way for members of the public to contribute to funding

1 for the maintenance backlog and operational shortfall of
2 the National Wildlife Refuge System, the United States
3 Postal Service shall issue a semipostal stamp (referred to
4 in this Act as the “Wildlife Refuge System Conservation
5 Semipostal Stamp”) in accordance with the provisions of
6 this section.

7 (b) COST AND USE.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Wildlife Refuge System
9 Conservation Semipostal Stamp shall be offered at a
10 cost equal to the cost of mailing a letter weighing 1
11 ounce or less at the nonautomation single-piece first-
12 ounce letter rate, in effect at the time of purchase,
13 plus a differential of not less than 15 percent.

14 (2) VOLUNTARY USE.—The use of any
15 semipostal issued under this section shall be vol-
16 untary on the part of postal patrons.

17 (3) SPECIAL RATE.—The special rate of postage
18 of an individual stamp under this section shall be an
19 amount that is evenly divisible by 5.

20 (c) OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The issuance
21 and sale of the Wildlife Refuge System Conservation
22 Semipostal Stamp shall be governed by the provisions of
23 section 416 of title 39, United States Code, and regula-
24 tions issued under such section, subject to subsection (b)
25 and the following:

1 (1) DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.—

2 (A) IN GENERAL.—All amounts becoming
3 available from the sale of the Wildlife Refuge
4 System Conservation Semipostal Stamp (as de-
5 termined under section 416(d) of such title 39)
6 shall be transferred to the United States Fish
7 and Wildlife Service, for the purpose described
8 in subsection (a), through payments which shall
9 be made at least twice a year, with the proceeds
10 to be allocated to the National Wildlife Refuge
11 System appropriation subactivity.

12 (B) PROCEEDS NOT TO BE OFFSET.—In
13 accordance with section 416(d)(4) of such title
14 39, amounts becoming available from the sale
15 of the Wildlife Refuge System Conservation
16 Semipostal Stamp (as so determined) shall not
17 be taken into account in any decision relating
18 to the level of appropriations or other Federal
19 funding to be furnished in any year to—

20 (i) the United States Fish and Wild-
21 life Service; or

22 (ii) any of the funds identified in sub-
23 paragraph (A).

24 (2) DURATION.—The Wildlife Refuge System
25 Conservation Semipostal Stamp shall be made avail-

1 able to the public for a period of at least 2 years,
2 beginning no later than 12 months after the date of
3 the enactment of this Act.

4 (3) LIMITATION.—The Wildlife Refuge System
5 Conservation Semipostal Stamp shall not be subject
6 to, or taken into account for purposes of applying,
7 any limitation under section 416(e)(1)(C) of such
8 title 39.

9 (d) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this Act, the term
10 “semipostal stamp” refers to a stamp described in section
11 416(a)(1) of title 39, United States Code.

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