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To amend the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act to increase the price of Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps to fund the acquisition of conservation easements for migratory birds, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 17, 2014

Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. TESTER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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 “Federal Duck Stamp
5 Act of 2014”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN PRICE OF MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING**
 2 **AND CONSERVATION STAMP TO FUND ACQUI-**
 3 **SITION OF CONSERVATION EASEMENTS FOR**
 4 **MIGRATORY BIRDS.**

5 The Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation
 6 Stamp Act is amended—

7 (1) in section 2(b) (16 U.S.C. 718b(b))—

8 (A) by striking “1990, and” and inserting
 9 “1990,”; and

10 (B) by striking “for each hunting year
 11 thereafter” and inserting “for hunting years
 12 1991 through 2013, and \$25 for each hunting
 13 year thereafter”;

14 (2) by adding at the end of section 2 (16
 15 U.S.C. 718b) the following:

16 “(c) REDUCTION IN PRICE OF STAMP.—The Sec-
 17 retary may reduce the price of each stamp sold under the
 18 provisions of this section for a hunting year if the Sec-
 19 retary determines that the increase in the price of the
 20 stamp after hunting year 2013 resulted in a reduction in
 21 revenues deposited into the fund;” and

22 (3) in section 4 (16 U.S.C. 718d)—

23 (A) in subsection (a)(3), by inserting be-
 24 fore the period the following: “, in which there
 25 shall be a subaccount to which the Secretary of
 26 the Treasury shall transfer all amounts in ex-

cess of \$15 that are received from the sale of each stamp sold for each hunting year after hunting year 2013”;

(B) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “So much” and inserting “except as provided in paragraph (4), so much”;

(C) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “paragraph (3)” and inserting “paragraphs (3) and (4)”; and

(D) by adding at the end of subsection (b) the following:

“(4) CONSERVATION EASEMENTS.—Amounts in the subaccount referred to in subsection (a)(3) shall be used by the Secretary solely to acquire easements in real property for conservation of migratory birds.”.

SEC. 3. ANNUAL REPORT ON EXPENDITURES.

Section 4 of the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act (16 U.S.C. 718d) is further amended—

(1) in subsection (c)—

(A) by striking so much as precedes “The Secretary may” and inserting the following:

“(c) PROMOTION OF STAMP SALES.—”; and

(B) by striking paragraph (2); and

1 (2) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(e) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Secretary shall include
3 in each annual report of the Commission under section
4 3 of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C.
5 715b)—

6 “(1) a description of activities conducted under
7 subsection (c) in the year covered by the report; and

8 “(2) an annual assessment of the status of wet-
9 lands conservation projects for migratory bird con-
10 servation purposes, including a clear and accurate
11 accounting of—

12 “(A) all expenditures by Federal and State
13 agencies under this section;

14 “(B) all expenditures made for fee-simple
15 acquisition of Federal lands in the United
16 States, including the amount paid and acreage
17 of each parcel acquired in each acquisition.”.

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