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Public Works

AN ACT

To amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act
to modernize the funding of wildlife conservation, and
for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Modernizing the Pitt-
3 man-Robertson Fund for Tomorrow’s Needs Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

5 The first section of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife
6 Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669) is amended by adding
7 at the end the following: “One of the purposes of this Act
8 is to provide financial and technical assistance to the
9 States for the promotion of hunting and recreational
10 shooting.”.

11 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

12 Section 2 of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restora-
13 tion Act (16 U.S.C. 669a) is amended—

14 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through
15 (8) as paragraphs (4) through (10), respectively;
16 and

17 (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
18 lowing:

19 “(2) for the purposes of determining the num-
20 ber of paid hunting-license holders in a State, the
21 term ‘fiscal year’ means the fiscal year or license
22 year of the State;

23 “(3) the term ‘hunter recruitment and rec-
24 reational shooter recruitment’ means any activity or
25 project to recruit or retain hunters and recreational
26 shooters, including by—

1 “(A) using social media, marketing, adver-
2 tising, surveying, television spots, print, and
3 media;

4 “(B) providing education, mentoring, and
5 field demonstrations;

6 “(C) enhancing access for hunting and rec-
7 reational shooting, including through range con-
8 struction;

9 “(D) providing education to the public
10 about the role of hunting and recreational
11 shooting in funding wildlife conservation; and

12 “(E) using any other means to ensure the
13 growth of hunting and recreational shooting, as
14 determined by the Secretary;”.

15 **SEC. 4. ALLOCATION AND APPORTIONMENT OF AVAILABLE**
16 **AMOUNTS.**

17 (a) APPORTIONMENT TO STATES.—Section 4(b) of
18 the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (16
19 U.S.C. 669c(b)) is amended—

20 (1) in the first sentence, by striking “The Sec-
21 retary of the Interior” and inserting the following:

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary”;

23 (2) in the second sentence, by striking “Such
24 apportionments” and inserting the following:

1 “(2) ADJUSTMENTS.—The apportionments
2 under paragraph (1)”;

3 (3) by striking the third sentence; and

4 (4) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(3) USE OF FUNDS.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
7 graph (B), amounts apportioned under this
8 subsection may be used for hunter recruitment
9 and recreational shooter recruitment.

10 “(B) LIMITATION.—A State may make an
11 expenditure under subparagraph (A) only if the
12 amount of the expenditure during the fiscal
13 year in which the expenditure is made plus the
14 amount of the expenditures for hunter recruit-
15 ment and recreational shooter recruitment
16 made during the 4 fiscal years preceding that
17 fiscal year is not greater than 25 percent of the
18 total amount apportioned to the State under
19 this subsection during that 5-fiscal-year pe-
20 riod.”.

21 (b) APPORTIONMENT OF CERTAIN TAXES.—The first
22 subsection (c) of section 4 of the Pittman-Robertson Wild-
23 life Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669c) is amended—

1 (1) by inserting “APPORTIONMENT OF REVE-
2 NUES FROM PISTOLS, REVOLVERS, BOWS, AND AR-
3 ROWS.—” after the enumerator;

4 (2) by striking “One-half” and inserting the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ”;

8 (3) by striking “: *Provided, That*” and inserting
9 a period;

10 (4) by striking “each State shall be apportioned
11 not more than 3 per centum and not less than 1 per
12 centum of such revenues” and inserting the fol-
13 lowing:

14 “(2) CONDITION.—The amount apportioned to
15 each State under paragraph (1) shall be not greater
16 than 3 percent and not less than 1 percent of the
17 revenues described in such paragraph”;

18 (5) by striking “For the purpose” and inserting
19 the following:

20 “(3) POPULATION DETERMINATION.—For the
21 purpose”; and

22 (6) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(4) USE OF FUNDS.—In addition to other uses
24 authorized under this Act, amounts apportioned

1 under this subsection may be used for hunter re-
 2 cruitment and recreational shooter recruitment.”.

3 (c) TECHNICAL CORRECTION.—Section 4 of the Pitt-
 4 man-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669c)
 5 is amended by redesignating the second subsection (c) and
 6 subsection (d) as subsections (d) and (e), respectively.

7 **SEC. 5. EXPENDITURES FOR MANAGEMENT OF WILDLIFE**
 8 **AREAS AND RESOURCES.**

9 Section 8 of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restora-
 10 tion Act (16 U.S.C. 669g) is amended—

11 (1) in subsection (a), in the third sentence, by
 12 striking “and public relations”; and

13 (2) in subsection (b), in the first sentence, by
 14 striking “, as a part of such program”.

15 **SEC. 6. FIREARM AND BOW HUNTER EDUCATION AND SAFE-**
 16 **TY PROGRAM GRANTS.**

17 Section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Pittman-Robertson Wild-
 18 life Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669h–1(a)(1)(A)) is
 19 amended—

20 (1) in clause (iii), by striking “and” at the end;
 21 and

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

23 “(v) the enhancement of hunter re-
 24 cruitment and recreational shooter recruit-
 25 ment; and”.

1 **SEC. 7. MULTISTATE CONSERVATION GRANT PROGRAM.**

2 Section 11 of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Res-
3 toration Act (16 U.S.C. 669h-2) is amended—

4 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

5 (A) by striking “Not more than” and in-
6 serting the following:

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not more than”; and

8 (B) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(B) AVAILABILITY FOR HUNTER AND
10 RECREATIONAL SHOOTER GRANTS.—Not more
11 than \$5,000,000 of the revenues covered into
12 the fund from any tax imposed under section
13 4161(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986
14 for a fiscal year shall be available to the Sec-
15 retary exclusively for making hunter recruit-
16 ment and recreational shooter recruitment
17 grants that promote a national hunting and
18 shooting sport recruitment program, including
19 related communication and outreach activi-
20 ties.”;

21 (2) in the matter preceding subsection
22 (b)(3)(A), by striking “International”;

23 (3) in the matter preceding subsection
24 (c)(2)(A)(i), by striking “International”;

1 (4) in subsection (c)(2)(A)(i), by inserting “or
2 to recreational shooting activities” after “wildlife”;
3 and

4 (5) in subsection (d), by inserting “or to rec-
5 reational shooting activities” after “wildlife”.

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Attest:

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