

Union Calendar No. 776

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6302

[Report No. 115–994]

To enact as law certain regulations relating to the taking of double-crested cormorants.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 3, 2018

Mr. BERGMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

OCTOBER 23, 2018

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on July 3, 2018]

A BILL

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of double-crested cormorants.

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 “Cormorant Relief Act”.*

5 **SEC. 2. REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE TAKING OF DOU-**
 6 **BLE-CRESTED CORMORANTS.**

7 *(a) FORCE AND EFFECT.—*

8 *(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), sec-*
 9 *tions 21.47 and 21.48 of title 50, Code of Federal*
 10 *Regulations (as in effect on January 1, 2016), shall*
 11 *have the force and effect of law.*

12 *(2) PUBLIC NOTICE.—The Secretary of the Inte-*
 13 *rior (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”),*
 14 *acting through the Director of the United States Fish*
 15 *and Wildlife Service (referred to in this section as the*
 16 *“Director”), shall notify the public of the authority*
 17 *provided by paragraph (1) in a manner determined*
 18 *to be appropriate by the Secretary.*

19 *(b) SUNSET.—The authority provided by subsection*
 20 *(a)(1) shall terminate on the effective date of a regulation*
 21 *promulgated by the Director after the date of enactment of*
 22 *this Act to control depredation of double-crested cormorant*
 23 *populations.*

24 *(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section*
 25 *limits the authority of the Director to promulgate regula-*

- 1 *tions relating to the taking of double-crested cormorants*
- 2 *under any other law.*

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