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S. 4704

To authorize shoreline erosion control projects to protect the infrastructure
of military installations from shoreline erosion.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 11 (legislative day, JULY 10), 2024

Mr. RUBIO introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

To authorize shoreline erosion control projects to protect
the infrastructure of military installations from shoreline
erosion.

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 “Military Installation
5 Shoreline Protection Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY FOR SHORELINE EROSION CONTROL**
7 **PROJECTS TO PROTECT MILITARY INSTALLA-**
8 **TION INFRASTRUCTURE.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2815a of title 10, United
10 States Code is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by striking “**management**” and inserting “**management and shoreline erosion control**”;

(2) in subsection (a)—

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “carry out a stormwater management project on or related to a military installation for the purposes of” and inserting “, on or related to a military installation, carry out”;

and

(B) by striking paragraphs (1) and (2) and inserting the following:

“(1) a stormwater management project for the purposes of—

“(A) improving military installation resilience or the resilience of a defense access road or other essential civilian infrastructure supporting the military installation; and

“(B) protecting nearby waterways and stormwater-stressed ecosystems; or

“(2) a shoreline erosion control project for the purpose of improving, protecting, or repairing shoreline to protect the infrastructure of a military installation from shoreline erosion.”;

(3) in subsection (b), in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “management” and inserting “management or shoreline erosion control”;

(4) in subsection (c)—

(A) by striking “stormwater management”;

(B) by striking “proposals involving” and inserting “proposals—

“(1) for stormwater management that involve”;

(C) by striking the period and inserting “; and”; and

(D) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(2) for shoreline erosion control that involve the improvement, protection, or repair of shoreline subject to wave action or stormwater runoff and water levels resulting from extreme weather conditions.”;

(5) in subsection (d)—

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “stormwater management”;

(B) in paragraph (1), by striking “measures” and inserting “measures to address stormwater management”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

1 “(4) The use of sheet piles, riprap, armor stone,
2 sea walls, natural plantings, or any future tech-
3 nologies created to address shoreline erosion con-
4 trol.”; and

5 (6) in subsection (f)—

6 (A) by striking “stormwater management”
7 each place it appears; and

8 (B) in paragraph (2)(B)—

9 (i) in clause (i), by striking “; and”
10 and inserting a semicolon;

11 (ii) in clause (ii), by striking the pe-
12 riod and inserting “; and”; and

13 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
14 lowing new clause:

15 “(iii) improve, protect, or repair
16 shoreline to protect infrastructure of a
17 military installation from shoreline ero-
18 sion.”.

19 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
20 at the beginning of subchapter I of chapter 169 of such
21 title is amended by striking the item relating to section
22 2815a and inserting the following new item:

“2815a. Stormwater management and shoreline erosion control projects for in-
 stallation and defense access road resilience and waterway and
 ecosystem conservation.”