

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 5136

AN ACT

To require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study
of Plum Island.

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 “Plum Island Preserva-
3 tion Study Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. PLUM ISLAND PRESERVATION STUDY.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
7 the Secretary of the Interior.

8 (2) STUDY AREA.—The term “study area”
9 means the consolidated Federal asset commonly
10 known as “Plum Island” in the State of New York
11 and all improvements on and to the Federal asset,
12 including—

13 (A) the Orient Point facility; and

14 (B) all real and personal property, all
15 transportation assets, and all associated infra-
16 structure that support—

17 (i) Plum Island operations; and

18 (ii) access to Plum Island.

19 (b) STUDY.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct
21 a study to determine the appropriateness of—

22 (A) designating all or a portion of the
23 study area as a unit of the National Park Sys-
24 tem or a unit of the National Wildlife Refuge
25 System; or

1 (B) providing protection for the resources
2 of the study area by other means.

3 (2) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study under
4 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

5 (A) evaluate the national significance of
6 the study area;

7 (B) consult with interested Federal agen-
8 cies, State or local governmental entities, pri-
9 vate and nonprofit organizations, or any other
10 interested individuals; and

11 (C) identify cost estimates for any Federal
12 acquisition, development, interpretation, oper-
13 ation, and maintenance associated with the al-
14 ternatives considered.

15 (3) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the
16 date on which funds are first made available to carry
17 out the study under paragraph (1), the Secretary
18 shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Nat-
19 ural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on
20 Natural Resources of the House of Representatives
21 a report that describes—

22 (A) the findings and conclusions of the
23 study; and

1 (B) any recommendations of the Secretary.

Passed the Senate December 18 (legislative day, December 16), 2024.

Attest:

Secretary.

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