

Public Law 95-552
95th Congress

An Act

To increase the price of migratory-bird hunting and conservation stamps and to provide for consultation by the Secretary of the Interior with State and local authorities before migratory bird areas are recommended for purchase or rental, and for other purposes.

Oct. 30, 1978

[H.R. 13372]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of such Act of March 16, 1934 (16 U.S.C. 718b) is amended—

Migratory-bird
hunting and
conservation
stamps, price
increase.

(1) by inserting “(a)” immediately before the first word thereof;

(2) by striking out “For each such stamp sold under the provisions of this section” in the third sentence and inserting in lieu thereof “Except as provided in subsection (b), for each stamp sold under the provisions of this section for any hunting year”; and

(3) by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

“(b) The Postal Service shall collect \$7.50 for each stamp sold under the provisions of this section for any hunting year if the Secretary of the Interior determines, at any time before February 1 of the calendar year in which such hunting year begins, that all sums in the migratory bird conservation fund attributable to—

“(1) amounts appropriated pursuant to the Act for the fiscal year ending in the immediately preceding calendar year; and

“(2) the sale of stamps under this section during such fiscal year have been obligated for expenditure. For purposes of this section, the term ‘hunting year’ means the 12-month period beginning on July 1 of any such year.”

SEC. 2. Section 4 of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 715c) is amended to read as follows:

Areas for rental
or purchase,
consultation.

“SEC. 4. The Secretary of the Interior may not recommend any area for purchase or rental under the terms of this Act unless the Secretary of the Interior—

“(1) has determined that such area is necessary for the conservation of migratory birds; and

“(2) has consulted with the county or other unit of local government in which such area is located and with the Governor of the State concerned or the appropriate State agency.”

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