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H. R. 2591

[Report No. 115–899]

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 22, 2017

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia (for himself, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, and Mr. VEASEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

AUGUST 14, 2018

Additional sponsors: Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Mr. COLE, Mr. GRAVES of Georgia, Mr. ROSS, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. THOMAS J. ROONEY of Florida, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. WALZ, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. HILL, Mr. DUNN, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. FLORES, Mr. GIANFORTE, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia, Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida, Mr. MITCHELL, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. YOHIO, Ms. CHENEY, Mr. GOSAR, and Mr. MARSHALL

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on May 22, 2107]

A BILL

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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 “Modernizing the Pitt-*
5 *man-Robertson Fund for Tomorrow’s Needs Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

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

12 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

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

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

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

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

23 *“(3) the term ‘hunter recruitment and rec-*
24 *reational shooter recruitment’ means any activity or*

1 *project to recruit or retain hunters and recreational*
2 *shooters, including by—*

3 “(A) *using social media, marketing, adver-*
4 *tising, surveying, television spots, print, and*
5 *media;*

6 “(B) *providing education, mentoring, and*
7 *field demonstrations;*

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

11 “(D) *providing education to the public*
12 *about the role of hunting and recreational shoot-*
13 *ing in funding wildlife conservation; and*

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

17 **SEC. 4. ALLOCATION AND APPORTIONMENT OF AVAILABLE**
18 **AMOUNTS.**

19 (a) *APPORTIONMENT TO STATES.*—*Section 4(b) of the*
20 *Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C.*
21 *669c(b)) is amended—*

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

24 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary”;*

1 (2) *in the second sentence, by striking “Such ap-*
2 *portionments” and inserting the following:*

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

5 (3) *by striking the third sentence; and*

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

7 “(3) *USE OF FUNDS.—*

8 “(A) *IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-*
9 *graph (B), amounts apportioned under this sub-*
10 *section may be used for hunter recruitment and*
11 *recreational shooter recruitment.*

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

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

1 (1) by inserting “*APPORTIONMENT OF REVENUES FROM PISTOLS, REVOLVERS, BOWS, AND ARROWS.—*” after the enumerator;

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4 (2) by striking “*One-half*” and inserting the following:

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6 “*(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),*
7 *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 following:

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

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

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

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

22 “*(4) USE OF FUNDS.—In addition to other uses*
23 *authorized under this Act, amounts apportioned*
24 *under this subsection may be used for hunter recruit-*
25 *ment and recreational shooter recruitment.*”.

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

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

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

9 (1) *in subsection (a), in the third sentence, by*
10 *striking “and public relations”; and*

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

13 **SEC. 6. FIREARM AND BOW HUNTER EDUCATION AND SAFE-**
14 **TY PROGRAM GRANTS.**

15 Section 10(a)(1)(A) of the *Pittman-Robertson Wildlife*
16 *Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669h–1(a)(1)(A))* is amended—

17 (1) *in clause (iii), by striking “and” at the end;*
18 *and*

19 (2) *by adding at the end the following:*

20 “*(v) the enhancement of hunter recruit-*
21 *ment and recreational shooter recruitment;*
22 *and”.*

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

24 Section 11 of the *Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restora-*
25 *tion Act (16 U.S.C. 669h–2)* is amended—

1 (1) *in subsection (a)(1)—*

2 (A) *by striking “Not more than” and insert-*
3 *ing the following:*

4 “(A) *IN GENERAL.—Not more than*”;

5 (B) *by adding at the end the following:*

6 “(B) *AVAILABILITY FOR HUNTER AND REC-*
7 *REATIONAL SHOOTER GRANTS.—Not more than*
8 *\$5,000,000 of the revenues covered into the fund*
9 *from any tax imposed under section 4161(b) of*
10 *the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for a fiscal*
11 *year shall be available to the Secretary exclu-*
12 *sively for making hunter recruitment and rec-*
13 *reational shooter recruitment grants that pro-*
14 *mote a national hunting and shooting sport re-*
15 *ruitment program, including related commu-*
16 *nication and outreach activities.”;*

17 (2) *in the matter preceding subsection (b)(3)(A),*
18 *by striking “International”;*

19 (3) *in the matter preceding subsection*
20 *(c)(2)(A)(i), by striking “International”;*

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

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

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