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H. R. 1242

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 14, 2019

Mr. BERGMAN (for himself and Mr. PETERSON) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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),
9 sections 21.47 and 21.48 of title 50, Code of Fed-

1 eral Regulations (as in effect on January 1, 2016),
2 shall have the force and effect of law.

3 (2) PUBLIC NOTICE.—The Secretary of the In-
4 terior (referred to in this section as the “Sec-
5 retary”), acting through the Director of the United
6 States Fish and Wildlife Service (referred to in this
7 section as the “Director”), shall notify the public of
8 the authority provided by paragraph (1) in a manner
9 determined to be appropriate by the Secretary.

10 (b) SUNSET.—The authority provided by subsection
11 (a)(1) shall terminate on the effective date of a regulation
12 promulgated by the Director after the date of enactment
13 of this Act to control depredation of double-crested cor-
14 morant populations.

15 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
16 tion limits the authority of the Director to promulgate reg-
17 ulations relating to the taking of double-crested cor-
18 morants under any other law.

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