

Union Calendar No. 327

116TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 3399

[Report No. 116–405]

To amend the Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003 to include California in the program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 21, 2019

Mr. HARDER of California (for himself, Mr. COSTA, Mr. COX of California, and Mr. GARAMENDI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

FEBRUARY 25, 2020

Additional sponsors: Ms. LEE of California, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana, and Mr. BERA

FEBRUARY 25, 2020

Reported with an amendment; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on June 21, 2019]

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. NUTRIA ERADICATION.**

4 *The Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003 (Pub-*
5 *lic Law 108–16) is amended—*

6 (1) *in section 2—*

7 (A) *in subsection (a)—*

8 (i) *in paragraph (1), by striking “Wet-*
9 *lands and tidal marshes of the Chesapeake*
10 *Bay and in Louisiana” and inserting*
11 *“Wetlands, tidal marshes, and agricultural*
12 *lands”;*

13 (ii) *in paragraph (2), by striking “in*
14 *Maryland and Louisiana”;* and

15 (iii) *by amending paragraph (3) to*
16 *read as follows:*

17 “(3) *Traditional harvest methods to control or*
18 *eradicate nutria have failed. Consequently, marsh*
19 *loss, loss of public and private wetlands, and loss of*
20 *agricultural lands are accelerating.”;* and

21 (B) *in subsection (b), by striking “the State*
22 *of Maryland and the State of Louisiana” and*
23 *inserting “any State that has demonstrated the*
24 *need”;* and

25 (2) *in section 3—*

1 (A) by amending subsection (a) to read as
2 *follows:*

3 “(a) *GRANT AUTHORITY.*—*The Secretary of the Inte-*
4 *rior (referred to in this Act as the ‘Secretary’), may provide*
5 *financial assistance to a State, in an amount that is in*
6 *proportion to the total impacted area of such State affected*
7 *by nutria, that has demonstrated to the Secretary sufficient*
8 *need for a program to implement measures to eradicate or*
9 *control nutria and restore marshland, public and private*
10 *wetlands, and agricultural lands damaged by nutria.”;*

11 (B) by striking subsection (b);

12 (C) in subsection (d)—

13 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking “the
14 program may” and inserting “a State pro-
15 gram referred to in subsection (a) may”;
16 and

17 (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “the
18 program may” and inserting “a State pro-
19 gram referred to in subsection (a) may”;

20 (D) in subsection (e), by inserting “to a
21 State” after “provided”;

22 (E) in subsection (f), by striking
23 “\$4,000,000” and all that follows and inserting
24 “\$12,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021
25 through 2025.”; and

- 1 *(F) by redesignating subsections (c) through*
- 2 *(f) as subsections (b) through (e).*

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