

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 4403

AN ACT

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

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. NUTRIA ERADICATION.**

2 The Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003
3 (Public Law 108–16) is amended—

4 (1) in section 2—

5 (A) in subsection (a)—

6 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking
7 “Wetlands and tidal marshes of the Chesapeake Bay and in Louisiana” and inserting
8 “Wetlands, tidal marshes, and agricultural
9 lands”;

11 (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “in
12 Maryland and Louisiana”; and

13 (iii) by amending paragraph (3) to
14 read as follows:

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

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

23 (2) in section 3—

24 (A) by amending subsection (a) to read as
25 follows:

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

10 (B) by striking subsection (b);

11 (C) in subsection (d)—

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

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

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

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

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

Passed the Senate September 30 (legislative day,
September 29), 2020.

Attest:

Secretary.

116TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. 4403

AN ACT

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