

Calendar No. 212

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 654

To amend the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act to reauthorize Delaware River Basin conservation programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 6, 2023

Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. COONS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

SEPTEMBER 27 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 22), 2023

Reported by Mr. CARPER, without amendment

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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 “Delaware River Basin
5 Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. DELAWARE RIVER BASIN CONSERVATION REAU-**
2 **THORIZATION.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Section 3501(2) of the Water Infra-
4 structure Improvements for the Nation Act (Public Law
5 114–322; 130 Stat. 1771) is amended by inserting “Mary-
6 land,” after “Delaware,”.

7 (b) DEFINITIONS OF BASIN AND BASIN STATE.—
8 Section 3502 of the Water Infrastructure Improvements
9 for the Nation Act (Public Law 114–322; 130 Stat. 1773)
10 is amended—

11 (1) in paragraph (1)—

12 (A) by striking “4-State” and inserting “5-
13 State”; and

14 (B) by inserting “Maryland,” after “Dela-
15 ware,”; and

16 (2) in paragraph (2), by inserting “Maryland,”
17 after “Delaware,”.

18 (c) COST SHARING.—Section 3504(c)(1) of the Water
19 Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (Public
20 Law 114–322; 130 Stat. 1775) is amended—

21 (1) by striking “The Federal share” and insert-
22 ing the following:

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
24 subparagraph (B), the Federal share”; and

25 (2) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(B) SMALL, RURAL, AND DISADVANTAGED
2 COMMUNITIES.—

3 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause
4 (ii), the Federal share of the cost of a
5 project funded under the grant program
6 that serves a small, rural, or disadvantaged
7 community shall be 90 percent of the total
8 cost of the project, as determined by the
9 Secretary.

10 “(ii) WAIVER.—The Secretary may in-
11 crease the Federal share under clause (i)
12 to 100 percent of the total cost of the
13 project if the Secretary determines that the
14 grant recipient is unable to pay, or would
15 experience significant financial hardship if
16 required to pay, the non-Federal share.”.

17 (d) SUNSET.—Section 3507 of the Water Infrastruc-
18 ture Improvements for the Nation Act (Public Law 114-
19 322; 130 Stat. 1775) is amended by striking “2023” and
20 inserting “2030”.

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