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116TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4044

[Report No. 116–288]

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 25, 2019

Mr. MALINOWSKI (for himself, Mrs. FLETCHER, and Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

NOVEMBER 13, 2019

Additional sponsors: Mr. KILMER, Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. TONKO, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. ROUDA, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. MAST, Mr. KIM, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. CRIST, Mr. BYRNE, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. POSEY, Mr. NADLER, Mr. SWALWELL of California, and Mr. PALLONE

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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 ''Protect and Restore

5 America's Estuaries Act''.

6 **SEC. 2. MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE.**

7 Section 320(a)(2)(B) of the Federal Water Pollution

8 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1330(a)(2)(B)) is amended by

9 striking ''and Peconic Bay, New York'' and inserting

10 ''Peconic Bay, New York; Casco Bay, Maine; Tampa Bay,

11 Florida; Coastal Bend, Texas; San Juan Bay, Puerto

12 Rico; Tillamook Bay, Oregon; Piscataqua Region, New

13 Hampshire; Barnegat Bay, New Jersey; Maryland Coastal

14 Bays, Maryland; Charlotte Harbor, Florida; Mobile Bay,

15 Alabama; Morro Bay, California; and Lower Columbia

16 River, Oregon and Washington''.

17 **SEC. 3. PURPOSES OF CONFERENCE.**

18 Section 320(b)(4) of the Federal Water Pollution

19 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1330(b)(4)) is amended—

20   (1) by striking ''management plan that rec-

21   ommends'' and inserting ''management plan that—

22   ''(A) recommends''; and

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

24   ''(B) addresses the effects of recurring ex-

25   treme weather events on the estuary, including

1 　　　the identification and assessment of vulnerabili-
2 　　　ties in the estuary and the development and im-
3 　　　plementation of adaptation strategies; and
4 　　　　　"(C) increases public education and aware-
5 　　　ness of the ecological health and water quality
6 　　　conditions of the estuary;''.

7 **SEC. 4. MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE.**

8 　Section 320(c)(5) of the Federal Water Pollution
9 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1330(c)(5)) is amended by insert-
10 ing "nonprofit organizations,'' after "educational institu-
11 tions,''.

12 **SEC. 5. GRANTS.**

13 　Section 320(g)(4)(C) of the Federal Water Pollution
14 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1330(g)(4)(C)) is amended—

15 　　　(1) in the matter preceding clause (i)—
16 　　　　　(A) by inserting ", emerging,'' after "ur-
17 　　　gent''; and
18 　　　　　(B) by inserting "or that relate to coastal
19 　　　resiliency'' after "coastal areas'';
20 　　　(2) by redesignating clauses (vi) and (vii) as
21 　　　clauses (viii) and (ix), respectively, and inserting
22 　　　after clause (v) the following:
23 　　　　　　"(vi) stormwater runoff;
24 　　　　　　"(vii) accelerated land loss;''; and

1   (3) in clause (viii), as so redesignated, by in-

2   serting ", extreme weather," after "sea level rise".

3 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

4   Section 320(i)(1) of the Federal Water Pollution

5 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1330(i)(1)) is amended by striking

6 "$26,500,000 for each of fiscal years 2017 through 2021"

7 and inserting "$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022

8 through 2026".

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