

116TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4044

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

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. 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

1 “Peconic Bay, New York; Casco Bay, Maine; Tampa Bay,
2 Florida; Coastal Bend, Texas; San Juan Bay, Puerto
3 Rico; Tillamook Bay, Oregon; Piscataqua Region, New
4 Hampshire; Barnegat Bay, New Jersey; Maryland Coastal
5 Bays, Maryland; Charlotte Harbor, Florida; Mobile Bay,
6 Alabama; Morro Bay, California; and Lower Columbia
7 River, Oregon and Washington”.

8 **SEC. 3. PURPOSES OF CONFERENCE.**

9 Section 320(b)(4) of the Federal Water Pollution
10 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1330(b)(4)) is amended—

11 (1) by striking “management plan that rec-
12 ommends” and inserting “management plan that—

13 “(A) recommends”; and

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

15 “(B) addresses the effects of recurring ex-
16 treme weather events on the estuary, including
17 the identification and assessment of vulnerabili-
18 ties in the estuary and the development and im-
19 plementation of adaptation strategies; and

20 “(C) increases public education and aware-
21 ness of the ecological health and water quality
22 conditions of the estuary;”.

23 **SEC. 4. MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE.**

24 Section 320(c)(5) of the Federal Water Pollution
25 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1330(c)(5)) is amended by insert-

1 ing “nonprofit organizations,” after “educational institu-
 2 tions,”.

3 **SEC. 5. GRANTS.**

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

6 (1) in the matter preceding clause (i)—

7 (A) by inserting “, emerging,” after “ur-
 8 gent”; and

9 (B) by inserting “or that relate to coastal
 10 resiliency” after “coastal areas”;

11 (2) by redesignating clauses (vi) and (vii) as
 12 clauses (viii) and (ix), respectively, and inserting
 13 after clause (v) the following:

14 “(vi) stormwater runoff;

15 “(vii) accelerated land loss;”; and

16 (3) in clause (viii), as so redesignated, by in-
 17 serting “, extreme weather,” after “sea level rise”.

18 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

19 Section 320(i)(1) of the Federal Water Pollution
 20 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1330(i)(1)) is amended by striking
 21 “\$26,500,000 for each of fiscal years 2017 through 2021”
 22 and inserting “\$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022
 23 through 2026”.

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