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To amend title 40, United States Code, to direct the Administrator of General Services to incorporate practices and strategies to reduce bird fatality resulting from collisions with certain public buildings, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 17, 2021

Mr. QUIGLEY (for himself and Mr. GRIFFITH) 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 “Federal Bird Safe
5 Buildings Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. USE OF BIRD-SAFE FEATURES, PRACTICES, AND**
2 **STRATEGIES IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 33 of title 40, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 **“§ 3319. Use of bird-safe features, practices, and strat-**
7 **egies in public buildings**

8 “(a) CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, AND ACQUI-
9 TION OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS.—The Administrator of Gen-
10 eral Services shall incorporate, to the extent practicable,
11 features, practices, and strategies to reduce bird fatality
12 resulting from collisions with public buildings for each
13 public building—

14 “(1) constructed;

15 “(2) acquired; or

16 “(3) of which more than 50 percent of the fa-
17 cade is substantially altered (in the opinion of the
18 Commissioner of Public Buildings).

19 “(b) DESIGN GUIDE.—The Administrator shall de-
20 velop a design guide to carry out subsection (a) that in-
21 cludes the following:

22 “(1) Features for reducing bird fatality result-
23 ing from collisions with public buildings throughout
24 all construction phases, taking into account the
25 number of each such bird fatality that occurs at dif-
26 ferent types of public buildings.

1 “(2) Methods and strategies for reducing bird
2 fatality resulting from collisions with public build-
3 ings during the operation and maintenance of such
4 buildings, including installing interior, exterior, and
5 site lighting.

6 “(3) Best practices for reducing bird fatality re-
7 sulting from collisions with public buildings, includ-
8 ing—

9 “(A) a description of the reasons for
10 adopting such practices; and

11 “(B) an explanation for the omission of a
12 best practice identified pursuant to subsection
13 (c).

14 “(c) IDENTIFYING BEST PRACTICES.—To carry out
15 subsection (b)(3), the Administrator may identify best
16 practices for reducing bird fatality resulting from colli-
17 sions with public buildings, including best practices rec-
18 ommended by—

19 “(1) Federal agencies with expertise in bird
20 conservation;

21 “(2) nongovernmental organizations with exper-
22 tise in bird conservation; and

23 “(3) representatives of green building certifi-
24 cation systems.

1 “(d) DISSEMINATION OF DESIGN GUIDE.—The Ad-
2 ministrator shall disseminate the design guide developed
3 pursuant to subsection (b) to all Federal agencies, sub-
4 agencies, and departments with independent leasing au-
5 thority from the Administrator.

6 “(e) UPDATE TO DESIGN GUIDE.—The Adminis-
7 trator shall, on a regular basis, update the design guide
8 developed pursuant to subsection (b) with respect to the
9 priorities of the Administrator for reducing bird fatality
10 resulting from collisions with public buildings.

11 “(f) EXEMPT BUILDINGS.—This section shall not
12 apply to—

13 “(1) any building or site listed, or eligible for
14 listing, on the National Register of Historic Places;

15 “(2) the White House and the grounds of the
16 White House;

17 “(3) the Supreme Court building and the
18 grounds of the Supreme Court; or

19 “(4) the United States Capitol and any building
20 on the grounds of the Capitol.

21 “(g) CERTIFICATION.—Not later than October 1 of
22 each fiscal year, the Administrator, acting through the
23 Commissioner, shall certify to Congress that the Adminis-
24 trator uses the design guide developed pursuant to sub-

1 section (b) for each public building described in subsection
2 (a).

3 “(h) REPORT.—Not later than October 1 of each fis-
4 cal year, the Administrator shall submit to Congress a re-
5 port that includes—

6 “(1) the certification under subsection (g); and

7 “(2) to the extent practicable, the number of
8 each such bird fatality that occurred as a result of
9 a collision with the public buildings occupied by the
10 respective head of each Federal agency.”.

11 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
12 at the beginning of chapter 33 of title 40, United States
13 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
14 item:

“3319. Use of bird-safe features, practices, and strategies in public buildings.”.

