

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3791

AN ACT

To reauthorize the America's Conservation Enhancement Act, 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. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

2 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the
 3 “America’s Conservation Enhancement Reauthorization
 4 Act of 2024”.

5 (b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents for
 6 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—WILDLIFE ENHANCEMENT, DISEASE, AND PREDATION

Sec. 101. Losses of livestock due to depredation by federally protected species.

Sec. 102. Black vulture livestock protection program.

Sec. 103. Chronic Wasting Disease Task Force.

Sec. 104. Protection of water, oceans, coasts, and wildlife from invasive species.

Sec. 105. North American Wetlands Conservation Act.

Sec. 106. National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act.

Sec. 107. Modification of definition of sport fishing equipment under TSCA.

Sec. 108. Chesapeake Bay Program.

Sec. 109. Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998.

Sec. 110. Chesapeake Watershed Investments for Landscape Defense.

**TITLE II—NATIONAL FISH HABITAT CONSERVATION THROUGH
 PARTNERSHIPS**

Sec. 201. National Fish Habitat Board.

Sec. 202. Fish Habitat Partnerships.

Sec. 203. Fish habitat conservation projects.

Sec. 204. Technical and scientific assistance.

Sec. 205. Accountability and reporting.

Sec. 206. Funding.

Sec. 207. Technical correction.

7 **TITLE I—WILDLIFE ENHANCE-**
 8 **MENT, DISEASE, AND PREDA-**
 9 **TION**

10 **SEC. 101. LOSSES OF LIVESTOCK DUE TO DEPREDAATION BY**
 11 **FEDERALLY PROTECTED SPECIES.**

12 Section 102(d) of the America’s Conservation En-
 13 hancement Act (7 U.S.C. 8355(d)) is amended, in the

1 matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “2025” and
2 inserting “2030”.

3 **SEC. 102. BLACK VULTURE LIVESTOCK PROTECTION PRO-**
4 **GRAM.**

5 Section 103 of the America’s Conservation Enhance-
6 ment Act (7 U.S.C. 8356) is amended—

7 (1) in the section heading, by inserting “;
8 **BLACK VULTURE LIVESTOCK PROTECTION**
9 **PROGRAM**” after “**COMMON RAVENS**”;

10 (2) by redesignating subsections (a) through (c)
11 as paragraphs (1) through (3), respectively, and in-
12 denting appropriately;

13 (3) in each of paragraphs (2) and (3) (as so re-
14 designated), by striking “subsection (a)” and insert-
15 ing “paragraph (1)”;

16 (4) by inserting before paragraph (1) (as so re-
17 designated) the following:

18 “(a) DEPREDATION PERMITS FOR BLACK VULTURES
19 AND COMMON RAVENS.—”; and

20 (5) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(b) **BLACK VULTURE LIVESTOCK PROTECTION**
22 **PROGRAM.**—

23 “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary, in coordina-
24 tion with States, shall carry out, through fiscal year
25 2030, a black vulture livestock protection program

1 (referred to in this subsection as the ‘program’) that
2 allows 1 public entity or Farm Bureau organization
3 per State to hold a statewide depredation permit to
4 protect commercial agriculture livestock from black
5 vulture predation.

6 “(2) REQUIREMENTS.—Each public entity or
7 Farm Bureau organization that holds a depredation
8 permit under the program—

9 “(A) shall—

10 “(i) demonstrate sufficient experience
11 and capacity to provide government regu-
12 lated services to the public, as determined
13 by the Secretary;

14 “(ii) submit a complete depredation
15 permit application, as determined by the
16 Secretary, for review and approval accord-
17 ing to procedures of the United States
18 Fish and Wildlife Service;

19 “(iii) be responsible for complying
20 with, and ensuring subpermittee compli-
21 ance with, as applicable, all permit condi-
22 tions; and

23 “(iv) be responsible for collecting,
24 managing, and reporting required informa-
25 tion under the permit; and

1 “(B) may subpermit to livestock producers
2 to take black vultures for the purposes of live-
3 stock protection.

4 “(3) STUDY.—The Secretary, in consultation
5 with the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the
6 Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health In-
7 spection Service, shall carry out a study on whether
8 prescribed take levels of black vultures may be in-
9 creased for subpermittees within a biologically sus-
10 tainable take level for the population.

11 “(4) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the
12 date of enactment of the America’s Conservation
13 Enhancement Reauthorization Act of 2024, the Sec-
14 retary, in consultation with the Secretary of Agri-
15 culture, acting through the Administrator of the
16 Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, shall
17 submit to the Chair and Ranking Member of the
18 Committee on Environment and Public Works of the
19 Senate and the Chair and Ranking Member of the
20 Committee on Natural Resources of the House of
21 Representatives a report on the status of the pro-
22 gram, including the results of the study required
23 under paragraph (3).”.

1 **SEC. 103. CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE TASK FORCE.**

2 Section 104(d)(1) of the America’s Conservation En-
3 hancement Act (16 U.S.C. 667h(d)(1)) is amended by
4 striking “2025” and inserting “2030”.

5 **SEC. 104. PROTECTION OF WATER, OCEANS, COASTS, AND**
6 **WILDLIFE FROM INVASIVE SPECIES.**

7 Section 10(p) of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination
8 Act (16 U.S.C. 666c–1(p)) is amended, in the matter pre-
9 ceding paragraph (1), by striking “2025” and inserting
10 “2030”.

11 **SEC. 105. NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION**
12 **ACT.**

13 Section 7(c) of the North American Wetlands Con-
14 servation Act (16 U.S.C. 4406(c)) is amended—

15 (1) by striking “not to exceed \$60,000,000”
16 and inserting the following: “not to exceed—
17 “(1) \$60,000,000”;

18 (2) in paragraph (1) (as so designated), by
19 striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”;
20 and

21 (3) by adding at the end the following:

22 “(2) \$65,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026
23 through 2030.”.

1 **SEC. 106. NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION ES-**
2 **TABLISHMENT ACT.**

3 Section 10 of the National Fish and Wildlife Founda-
4 tion Establishment Act (16 U.S.C. 3709) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)(1), in the matter pre-
6 ceding subparagraph (A), by striking “2025” and
7 inserting “2030”; and

8 (2) in subsection (b)(1)—

9 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and
10 cooperative agreements,” and inserting “, coop-
11 erative agreements, participating agreements,
12 and similar instruments used for providing
13 partnership funds,”;

14 (B) by redesignating subparagraphs (B)
15 and (C) as subparagraphs (C) and (D), respec-
16 tively;

17 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (A)
18 the following:

19 “(B) **FUNDING AGREEMENTS.**—Federal
20 departments, agencies, and instrumentalities
21 may enter into a Federal funding agreement
22 with the Foundation for a period of not less
23 than 5 years and not more than 10 years.”; and

24 (D) in subparagraph (C) (as so redesign-
25 ated), by inserting “, and should when pos-
26 sible,” after “may”.

1 **SEC. 107. MODIFICATION OF DEFINITION OF SPORT FISH-**
2 **ING EQUIPMENT UNDER TSCA.**

3 Section 108(a) of the America’s Conservation En-
4 hancement Act (15 U.S.C. 2601 note; Public Law 116–
5 188) is amended by striking “During the 5-year period
6 beginning on the date of enactment of this Act” and in-
7 serting “During the period beginning on the date of enact-
8 ment of the America’s Conservation Enhancement Reau-
9 thorization Act of 2024 and ending on September 30,
10 2030”.

11 **SEC. 108. CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM.**

12 Section 117(j) of the Federal Water Pollution Control
13 Act (33 U.S.C. 1267(j)) is amended—

14 (1) in paragraph (4), by striking “and” at the
15 end;

16 (2) in paragraph (5), by striking the period at
17 the end and inserting “; and”; and

18 (3) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(6) for each of fiscal years 2026 through
20 2030, \$100,000,000.”.

21 **SEC. 109. CHESAPEAKE BAY INITIATIVE ACT OF 1998.**

22 Section 502(c) of the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act
23 of 1998 (Public Law 105–312; 112 Stat. 2963; 134 Stat.
24 920) is amended by striking “2025” and inserting
25 “2030”.

1 **SEC. 110. CHESAPEAKE WATERSHED INVESTMENTS FOR**
2 **LANDSCAPE DEFENSE.**

3 Section 111(e)(1) of the America’s Conservation En-
4 hancement Act (33 U.S.C. 1267 note; Public Law 116–
5 188) is amended by striking “2025” and inserting
6 “2030”.

7 **TITLE II—NATIONAL FISH HABI-**
8 **TAT CONSERVATION**
9 **THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS**

10 **SEC. 201. NATIONAL FISH HABITAT BOARD.**

11 Section 203 of the America’s Conservation Enhance-
12 ment Act (16 U.S.C. 8203) is amended—

13 (1) in subsection (a)(2)—

14 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph
15 (A), by striking “26 members” and inserting
16 “28 members”;

17 (B) by striking subparagraph (A) and in-
18 serting the following:

19 “(A) 2 shall be representatives of the De-
20 partment of the Interior, including the United
21 States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Bu-
22 reau of Land Management;”; and

23 (C) by striking subparagraphs (G) and (H)
24 and inserting the following:

25 “(G) 2 shall be representatives of Indian
26 Tribes, of whom—

1 “(i) 1 shall be a representative of In-
2 dian Tribes in the State of Alaska; and

3 “(ii) 1 shall be a representative of In-
4 dian Tribes in States other than the State
5 of Alaska;

6 “(H) 2 shall be representatives of—

7 “(i) the Regional Fishery Manage-
8 ment Councils established by section
9 302(a)(1) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fish-
10 ery Conservation and Management Act (16
11 U.S.C. 1852(a)(1)); or

12 “(ii) the Marine Fisheries Commis-
13 sions;” and

14 (2) in subsection (e)(1)(B), by striking “all
15 members” and inserting “the members present”.

16 **SEC. 202. FISH HABITAT PARTNERSHIPS.**

17 Section 204(e) of the America’s Conservation En-
18 hancement Act (16 U.S.C. 8204(e)) is amended—

19 (1) in paragraph (1), in the matter preceding
20 subparagraph (A), by inserting “, subject to para-
21 graph (3),” after “Act and”; and

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

23 “(3) LIMITATION.—The Board shall only sub-
24 mit a report required under paragraph (1) in the fis-
25 cal years in which the Board is proposing modifica-

1 tions to, or new designations of, 1 or more Partner-
2 ships.”.

3 **SEC. 203. FISH HABITAT CONSERVATION PROJECTS.**

4 Section 205 of the America’s Conservation Enhance-
5 ment Act (16 U.S.C. 8205) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (b), by striking “for the fol-
7 lowing fiscal year”; and

8 (2) in subsection (e)—

9 (A) by striking paragraph (1) and insert-
10 ing the following:

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The non-Federal share of
12 the total cost of all fish habitat conservation projects
13 carried out by a Partnership each year shall be at
14 least 50 percent.”; and

15 (B) in paragraph (2), in the matter pre-
16 ceding subparagraph (A), by striking “Such
17 non-Federal share of the cost of a fish habitat
18 conservation project” and inserting “The non-
19 Federal share described in paragraph (1)”.

20 **SEC. 204. TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC ASSISTANCE.**

21 Section 206(a) of the America’s Conservation En-
22 hancement Act (16 U.S.C. 8206(a)) is amended by insert-
23 ing “, the Bureau of Land Management,” after “the For-
24 est Service”.

1 **SEC. 205. ACCOUNTABILITY AND REPORTING.**

2 Section 209 of the America’s Conservation Enhance-
3 ment Act (16 U.S.C. 8209) is amended—

4 (1) by striking subsection (b);

5 (2) in subsection (a)—

6 (A) by striking the subsection designation
7 and heading and all that follows through “Not
8 later than” in paragraph (1) and inserting the
9 following:

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than”; and

11 (B) by redesignating paragraph (2) as sub-
12 section (b) and indenting appropriately; and

13 (3) in subsection (b) (as so redesignated)—

14 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph
15 (A), by striking “paragraph (1)” and inserting
16 “subsection (a)”;

17 (B) by redesignating subparagraphs (A),
18 (B), (C), and (D) as paragraphs (1), (2), (3),
19 and (5), respectively, and indenting appro-
20 priately;

21 (C) in paragraph (3) (as so redesignated),
22 by striking “and” at the end;

23 (D) by inserting after paragraph (3) (as so
24 redesignated) the following:

1 “(4) a description of the status of fish habitats
2 in the United States as identified by Partnerships;
3 and”;

4 (E) in paragraph (5) (as so redesignated)—
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6 (i) by redesignating clauses (i)
7 through (v) as subparagraphs (A) through
8 (E), respectively, and indenting appropriately; and
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10 (ii) in subparagraph (C) (as so redesignated), by redesignating subclauses (I)
11 and (II) as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively, and indenting appropriately.
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14 **SEC. 206. FUNDING.**

15 Section 212 of the America’s Conservation Enhancement
16 Act (16 U.S.C. 8212) is amended—

17 (1) in subsection (a)—

18 (A) in paragraph (1)—

19 (i) in the paragraph heading, by inserting “PARTNERSHIPS AND” after “HABITAT”;
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22 (ii) by inserting “and \$10,000,000 for
23 each of fiscal years 2026 through 2030”
24 after “through 2025”; and

1 (iii) by inserting “Partnership oper-
2 ations under section 204 and” after “to
3 provide funds for”;

4 (B) in paragraph (2), in the matter pre-
5 ceding subparagraph (A), by striking “2025”
6 and inserting “2030”; and

7 (C) in paragraph (3)—

8 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
9 graph (A), by striking “2025” and insert-
10 ing “2030”;

11 (ii) by redesignating subparagraphs
12 (B) through (E) as subparagraphs (C)
13 through (F), respectively; and

14 (iii) by inserting after subparagraph
15 (A) the following:

16 “(B) \$400,000 to the Secretary for use by
17 the Bureau of Land Management;” and

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

19 “(d) NATIONAL FISH HABITAT ASSESSMENT.—
20 There is authorized to be appropriated for completion of
21 the National Fish Habitat Assessment described in section
22 201(4), including the associated database of the National
23 Fish Habitat Assessment described in that section,
24 \$1,000,000, to remain available until expended.”.

1 **SEC. 207. TECHNICAL CORRECTION.**

2 Section 211 of the America’s Conservation Enhance-
3 ment Act (16 U.S.C. 8211) is amended, in the matter pre-
4 ceding paragraph (1), by striking “The Federal Advisory
5 Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.)” and inserting “Chapter
6 10 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as
7 the ‘Federal Advisory Committee Act’),”.

Passed the Senate May 8, 2024.

Attest:

Secretary.

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