

106TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3118

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to issue regulations under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act that authorize States to establish hunting seasons for double-crested cormorants.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 20, 1999

Mr. MCHUGH (for himself and Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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. REGULATIONS FOR HUNTING SEASONS FOR**
4 **DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANTS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior
6 shall, by not later than 6 months after the date of the
7 enactment of this Act, issue regulations under section 3
8 of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 704) that

1 authorize States to establish hunting seasons for double-
2 crested cormorants.

3 (b) CONTENT.—Regulations issued under this section
4 shall—

5 (1) permit the taking by an individual of 10
6 double-crested cormorants during each day of a
7 hunting season established under the regulations;

8 (2) permit an individual to have in his or her
9 possession 20 double-crested cormorants legally
10 taken in a hunting season established under the reg-
11 ulations;

12 (3) require that the dates of any hunting season
13 established under the regulations in a State cor-
14 respond generally with other waterfowl hunting sea-
15 sons in that State; and

16 (4) subject to the other requirements of this
17 subsection, authorize a hunting season established
18 under the regulations to begin at any time after the
19 date of the issuance of the regulations.

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