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H. R. 3727

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

FEBRUARY 12, 2002

Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota (for himself, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. WALSH, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. STUPAK, and Mr. ROSS) 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

1 of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 704) that
2 authorize States to establish hunting seasons for double-
3 crested cormorants.

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

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

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

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

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

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