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To amend and reauthorize certain provisions relating to Long Island Sound restoration and stewardship.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISRAEL (for himself, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. ZELDIN, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. HIMES, Ms. ESTY, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. ENGEL, Ms. MENG, Mr. NADLER, Mr. KING of New York, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. TONKO, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. SERRANO, and Mr. CROWLEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To amend and reauthorize certain provisions relating to Long Island Sound restoration and stewardship.

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 “Long Island Sound
5 Restoration and Stewardship Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS.**

2 (a) LONG ISLAND SOUND RESTORATION PRO-
3 GRAM.—Section 119 of the Federal Water Pollution Con-
4 trol Act (33 U.S.C. 1269) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (b), by striking the subsection
6 designation and heading and all that follows through
7 “The Office shall” and inserting the following:

8 “(b) OFFICE.—

9 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Administrator
10 shall—

11 “(A) continue to carry out the conference
12 study; and

13 “(B) establish an office, to be located on
14 or near Long Island Sound.

15 “(2) ADMINISTRATION AND STAFFING.—The
16 Office shall”;

17 (2) in subsection (c)—

18 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
19 by striking “Management Conference of the
20 Long Island Sound Study” and inserting “con-
21 ference study”;

22 (B) in paragraph (2)—

23 (i) in each of subparagraphs (A)
24 through (G), by striking the commas at
25 the end of the subparagraphs and inserting
26 semicolons;

1 (ii) in subparagraph (H), by striking
2 “, and” and inserting a semicolon;

3 (iii) in subparagraph (I), by striking
4 the period at the end and inserting a semi-
5 colon; and

6 (iv) by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing:

8 “(J) environmental impacts on the Long
9 Island Sound watershed, including—

10 “(i) the identification and assessment
11 of vulnerabilities in the watershed;

12 “(ii) the development and implementa-
13 tion of adaptation strategies to reduce
14 those vulnerabilities; and

15 “(iii) the identification and assess-
16 ment of the impacts of sea level rise on
17 water quality, habitat, and infrastructure;
18 and

19 “(K) planning initiatives for Long Island
20 Sound that identify the areas that are most
21 suitable for various types or classes of activities
22 in order to reduce conflicts among uses, reduce
23 adverse environmental impacts, facilitate com-
24 patible uses, or preserve critical ecosystem serv-

1 ices to meet economic, environmental, security,
2 or social objectives;”;

3 (C) by striking paragraph (4) and insert-
4 ing the following:

5 “(4) develop and implement strategies to in-
6 crease public education and awareness with respect
7 to the ecological health and water quality conditions
8 of Long Island Sound;”;

9 (D) in paragraph (5), by inserting “study”
10 after “conference”;

11 (E) in paragraph (6)—

12 (i) by inserting “(including on the
13 Internet)” after “the public”; and

14 (ii) by inserting “study” after “con-
15 ference”; and

16 (F) by striking paragraph (7) and insert-
17 ing the following:

18 “(7) monitor the progress made toward meeting
19 the identified goals, actions, and schedules of the
20 Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan,
21 including through the implementation and support
22 of a monitoring system for the ecological health and
23 water quality conditions of Long Island Sound;
24 and”;

1 (3) in subsection (d)(3), in the second sentence,
2 by striking “50 per centum” and inserting “60 per-
3 cent”;

4 (4) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-
5 section (i); and

6 (5) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
7 lowing:

8 “(f) REPORT.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years
10 after the date of enactment of the Long Island
11 Sound Restoration and Stewardship Act, and bienni-
12 ally thereafter, the Director of the Office, in con-
13 sultation with the Governor of each Long Island
14 Sound State, shall submit to Congress a report
15 that—

16 “(A) summarizes and assesses the progress
17 made by the Office and the Long Island Sound
18 States in implementing the Long Island Sound
19 Comprehensive Conservation and Management
20 Plan, including an assessment of the progress
21 made toward meeting the performance goals
22 and milestones contained in the Plan;

23 “(B) assesses the key ecological attributes
24 that reflect the health of the ecosystem of the
25 Long Island Sound watershed;

1 “(C) describes any substantive modifica-
2 tions to the Long Island Sound Comprehensive
3 Conservation and Management Plan made dur-
4 ing the 2-year period preceding the date of sub-
5 mission of the report;

6 “(D) provides specific recommendations to
7 improve progress in restoring and protecting
8 the Long Island Sound watershed, including, as
9 appropriate, proposed modifications to the Long
10 Island Sound Comprehensive Conservation and
11 Management Plan;

12 “(E) identifies priority actions for imple-
13 mentation of the Long Island Sound Com-
14 prehensive Conservation and Management Plan
15 for the 2-year period following the date of sub-
16 mission of the report; and

17 “(F) describes the means by which Federal
18 funding and actions will be coordinated with the
19 actions of the Long Island Sound States and
20 other entities.

21 “(2) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The Adminis-
22 trator shall make the report described in paragraph
23 (1) available to the public, including on the Internet.

24 “(g) ANNUAL BUDGET PLAN.—The President shall
25 submit, together with the annual budget of the United

1 States Government submitted under section 1105(a) of
2 title 31, United States Code, information regarding each
3 Federal department and agency involved in the protection
4 and restoration of the Long Island Sound watershed, in-
5 cluding—

6 “(1) an interagency crosscut budget that dis-
7 plays for each department and agency—

8 “(A) the amount obligated during the pre-
9 ceding fiscal year for protection and restoration
10 projects and studies relating to the watershed;

11 “(B) the estimated budget for the current
12 fiscal year for protection and restoration
13 projects and studies relating to the watershed;
14 and

15 “(C) the proposed budget for succeeding
16 fiscal years for protection and restoration
17 projects and studies relating to the watershed;
18 and

19 “(2) a summary of any proposed modifications
20 to the Long Island Sound Comprehensive Conserva-
21 tion and Management Plan for the following fiscal
22 year.

23 “(h) FEDERAL ENTITIES.—

24 “(1) COORDINATION.—The Administrator shall
25 coordinate the actions of all Federal departments

1 and agencies that impact water quality in the Long
2 Island Sound watershed in order to improve the
3 water quality and living resources of the watershed.

4 “(2) METHODS.—In carrying out this section,
5 the Administrator, acting through the Director of
6 the Office, may—

7 “(A) enter into interagency agreements;
8 and

9 “(B) make intergovernmental personnel
10 appointments.

11 “(3) FEDERAL PARTICIPATION IN WATERSHED
12 PLANNING.—A Federal department or agency that
13 owns or occupies real property, or carries out activi-
14 ties, within the Long Island Sound watershed shall
15 participate in regional and subwatershed planning,
16 protection, and restoration activities with respect to
17 the watershed.

18 “(4) CONSISTENCY WITH COMPREHENSIVE CON-
19 SERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN.—To the max-
20 imum extent practicable, the head of each Federal
21 department and agency that owns or occupies real
22 property, or carries out activities, within the Long
23 Island Sound watershed shall ensure that the prop-
24 erty and all activities carried out by the department
25 or agency are consistent with the Long Island Sound

1 Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan
2 (including any related subsequent agreements and
3 plans).”.

4 (b) LONG ISLAND SOUND STEWARDSHIP PRO-
5 GRAM.—

6 (1) LONG ISLAND SOUND STEWARDSHIP ADVI-
7 SORY COMMITTEE.—Section 8 of the Long Island
8 Sound Stewardship Act of 2006 (33 U.S.C. 1269
9 note; Public Law 109–359) is amended—

10 (A) in subsection (g), by striking “2011”
11 and inserting “2020”; and

12 (B) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(h) NONAPPLICABILITY OF FACA.—The Federal
14 Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply
15 to—

16 “(1) the Advisory Committee; or

17 “(2) any board, committee, or other group es-
18 tablished under this Act.”.

19 (2) REPORTS.—Section 9(b)(1) of the Long Is-
20 land Sound Stewardship Act of 2006 (33 U.S.C.
21 1269 note; Public Law 109–359) is amended in the
22 matter preceding subparagraph (A) by striking
23 “2011” and inserting “2020”.

1 (3) AUTHORIZATION.—Section 11 of the Long
2 Island Sound Stewardship Act of 2006 (33 U.S.C.
3 1269 note; Public Law 109–359) is amended—

4 (A) by striking subsection (a);

5 (B) by redesignating subsections (b)
6 through (d) as subsections (a) through (c), re-
7 spectively; and

8 (C) in subsection (a) (as so redesignated),
9 by striking “under this section each” and in-
10 serting “to carry out this Act for a”.

11 (4) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
12 by this subsection take effect on October 1, 2011.

13 **SEC. 3. REAUTHORIZATION.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appro-
15 priated to the Administrator of the Environmental Protec-
16 tion Agency such sums as are necessary for each of fiscal
17 years 2016 through 2020 for the implementation of—

18 (1) section 119 of the Federal Water Pollution
19 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1269), other than subsection
20 (d) of that section; and

21 (2) the Long Island Sound Stewardship Act of
22 2006 (33 U.S.C. 1269 note; Public Law 109–359).

23 (b) LONG ISLAND SOUND GRANTS.—There is author-
24 ized to be appropriated to the Administrator of the Envi-
25 ronmental Protection Agency to carry out subsection (d)

1 of section 119 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act
2 (33 U.S.C. 1269) \$40,000,000 for each of fiscal years
3 2016 through 2020.

4 (c) LONG ISLAND SOUND STEWARDSHIP GRANTS.—
5 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Adminis-
6 trator of the Environmental Protection Agency to carry
7 out the Long Island Sound Stewardship Act of 2006 (33
8 U.S.C. 1269 note; Public Law 109–359) \$25,000,000 for
9 each of fiscal years 2016 through 2020.

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