

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3086

AN ACT

To reauthorize and amend the Marine Debris Act to promote international action to reduce marine debris 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.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Marine Debris Act
3 Amendments of 2016”.

4 **SEC. 2. NOAA MARINE DEBRIS PROGRAM.**

5 Subsection (b) of section 3 of the Marine Debris Act
6 (33 U.S.C. 1952(b)) is amended—

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

9 (2) in paragraph (5)(C), by striking the period
10 at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

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

12 “(6) work with other Federal agencies to de-
13 velop outreach and education strategies to address
14 both land- and sea-based sources of marine debris;
15 and

16 “(7) work with the Department of State and
17 other Federal agencies to promote international ac-
18 tion to reduce the incidence of marine debris.”.

19 **SEC. 3. ASSISTANCE FOR SEVERE MARINE DEBRIS EVENTS.**

20 Section 3 of the Marine Debris Act (33 U.S.C. 1952)
21 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
22 section:

23 “(d) ASSISTANCE FOR SEVERE MARINE DEBRIS
24 EVENTS.—

25 “(1) IN GENERAL.—At the discretion of the Ad-
26 ministrator or at the request of the Governor of an

1 affected State, the Administrator shall determine
2 whether there is a severe marine debris event.

3 “(2) ASSISTANCE.—If the Administrator makes
4 a determination under paragraph (1) that there is a
5 severe marine debris event, the Administrator is au-
6 thorized to make sums available to be used by the
7 affected State or by the Administrator in coopera-
8 tion with the affected State—

9 “(A) to assist in the cleanup and response
10 required by the severe marine debris event; or

11 “(B) such other activity as the Adminis-
12 trator determines is appropriate in response to
13 the severe marine debris event.

14 “(3) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of
15 the cost of any activity carried out under the author-
16 ity of this subsection shall not exceed 75 percent of
17 the cost of that activity.”.

18 **SEC. 4. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON INTERNATIONAL ENGAGE-**
19 **MENT TO RESPOND TO MARINE DEBRIS.**

20 It is the sense of Congress that the President
21 should—

22 (1) work with representatives of foreign coun-
23 tries that produce the largest amounts of
24 unmanaged municipal solid waste that reaches the
25 ocean to learn about, and find solutions to, the con-

1 tributions of such countries to marine debris in the
2 world's oceans;

3 (2) carry out studies to determine—

4 (A) the primary means by which solid
5 waste enters the oceans;

6 (B) the manner in which waste manage-
7 ment infrastructure can be most effective in
8 preventing debris from reaching the oceans;

9 (C) the long-term economic impacts of ma-
10 rine debris on the national economies of each
11 country set out in paragraph (1) and on the
12 global economy; and

13 (D) the economic benefits of decreasing the
14 amount of marine debris in the oceans;

15 (3) work with representatives of foreign coun-
16 tries that produce the largest amounts of
17 unmanaged municipal solid waste that reaches the
18 ocean to conclude one or more new international
19 agreements—

20 (A) to mitigate the risk of land-based ma-
21 rine debris contributed by such countries reach-
22 ing an ocean; and

23 (B) to increase technical assistance and in-
24 vestment in waste management infrastructure,
25 if the President determines appropriate; and

1 (4) consider the benefits and appropriateness of
2 having a senior official of the Department of State
3 serve as a permanent member of the Interagency
4 Marine Debris Coordinating Committee established
5 under section 5 of the Marine Debris Act (33 U.S.C.
6 1954).

7 **SEC. 5. INCLUSION OF DEPARTMENT OF STATE ON THE**
8 **INTERAGENCY MARINE DEBRIS COORDI-**
9 **NATING COMMITTEE.**

10 Section 5(b) of the Marine Debris Act (33 U.S.C.
11 1954(b)) is amended—

12 (1) in paragraph (4), by striking “; and” and
13 inserting a semicolon;

14 (2) by redesignating paragraph (5) as para-
15 graph (6); and

16 (3) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-
17 lowing:

18 “(5) the Department of State; and”.

19 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

20 Section 9 of the Marine Debris Act (33 U.S.C. 1958)
21 is amended to read as follows:

22 **“SEC. 9. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

23 “There are authorized to be appropriated for each fis-
24 cal year 2017 through 2021—

1 “(1) to the Administrator for carrying out sec-
2 tions 3, 5, and 6, \$10,000,000, of which no more
3 than 10 percent may be for administrative costs;
4 and

5 “(2) to the Secretary of the Department in
6 which the Coast Guard is operating, for the use of
7 the Commandant of the Coast Guard in carrying out
8 section 4, \$2,000,000, of which no more than 10
9 percent may be used for administrative costs.”.

Passed the Senate December 10 (legislative day, De-
cember 9), 2016.

Attest:

Secretary.

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