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S. 721

To amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to facilitate the establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BENNET (for himself and Ms. HEITKAMP) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Target Practice and
5 Marksmanship Training Support Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

7 The purpose of this Act is to facilitate the construc-
8 tion and expansion of public target ranges, including

1 ranges on Federal land managed by the Forest Service
2 and the Bureau of Land Management.

3 **SEC. 3. DEFINITION OF PUBLIC TARGET RANGE.**

4 In this Act, the term “public target range” means
5 a specific location that—

6 (1) is identified by a governmental agency for
7 recreational shooting;

8 (2) is open to the public;

9 (3) may be supervised; and

10 (4) may accommodate archery or rifle, pistol, or
11 shotgun shooting.

12 **SEC. 4. AMENDMENTS TO PITTMAN-ROBERTSON WILDLIFE
13 RESTORATION ACT.**

14 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 2 of the Pittman-Robert-
15 son Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669a) is amend-
16 ed—

17 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through
18 (8) as paragraphs (3) through (9), respectively; and

19 (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
20 lowing:

21 “(2) the term ‘public target range’ means a
22 specific location that—

23 “(A) is identified by a governmental agen-
24 cy for recreational shooting;

25 “(B) is open to the public;

1 “(C) may be supervised; and

2 “(D) may accommodate archery or rifle,
3 pistol, or shotgun shooting;”.

4 (b) EXPENDITURES FOR MANAGEMENT OF WILD-
5 LIFE AREAS AND RESOURCES.—Section 8(b) of the Pitt-
6 man-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C.
7 669g(b)) is amended—

8 (1) by striking “(b) Each State” and inserting
9 the following:

10 “(b) EXPENDITURES FOR MANAGEMENT OF WILD-
11 LIFE AREAS AND RESOURCES.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
13 graph (2), each State”;

14 (2) in paragraph (1) (as so designated), by
15 striking “construction, operation,” and inserting
16 “operation”;

17 (3) in the second sentence, by striking “The
18 non-Federal share” and inserting the following:

19 “(3) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The non-Federal
20 share”;

21 (4) in the third sentence, by striking “The Sec-
22 retary” and inserting the following:

23 “(4) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary”; and

24 (5) by inserting after paragraph (1) (as des-
25 ignated by paragraph (1)) the following:

1 “(2) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding the limita-
2 tion described in paragraph (1), a State may pay up
3 to 90 percent of the cost of acquiring land for, ex-
4 panding, or constructing a public target range.”.

5 (c) FIREARM AND BOW HUNTER EDUCATION AND
6 SAFETY PROGRAM GRANTS.—Section 10 of the Pittman-
7 Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669h–1)
8 is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the
10 following:

11 “(3) ALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS.—
12 Of the amount apportioned to a State for any fiscal
13 year under section 4(b), the State may elect to allo-
14 cate not more than 10 percent, to be combined with
15 the amount apportioned to the State under para-
16 graph (1) for that fiscal year, for acquiring land for,
17 expanding, or constructing a public target range.”;

18 (2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the
19 following:

20 “(b) COST SHARING.—

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
22 graph (2), the Federal share of the cost of any activ-
23 ity carried out using a grant under this section shall
24 not exceed 75 percent of the total cost of the activ-
25 ity.

1 “(2) PUBLIC TARGET RANGE CONSTRUCTION OR
2 EXPANSION.—The Federal share of the cost of ac-
3 quiring land for, expanding, or constructing a public
4 target range in a State on Federal or non-Federal
5 land pursuant to this section or section 8(b) shall
6 not exceed 90 percent of the cost of the activity.”;
7 and

8 (3) in subsection (c)(1)—

9 (A) by striking “Amounts made” and in-
10 serting the following:

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
12 subparagraph (B), amounts made”; and

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

14 “(B) EXCEPTION.—Amounts provided for
15 acquiring land for, constructing, or expanding a
16 public target range shall remain available for
17 expenditure and obligation during the 5-fiscal-
18 year period beginning on October 1 of the first
19 fiscal year for which the amounts are made
20 available.”.

21 **SEC. 5. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING COOPERATION.**

22 It is the sense of Congress that, consistent with appli-
23 cable laws (including regulations), the Chief of the Forest
24 Service and the Director of the Bureau of Land Manage-
25 ment should cooperate with State and local authorities and

1 other entities to carry out waste removal and other activi-
2 ties on any Federal land used as a public target range
3 to encourage continued use of that land for target practice
4 or marksmanship training.

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