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## AN ACT

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

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 “Target Practice and  
3 Marksmanship Training Support Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS; PURPOSE.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

6 (1) the use of firearms and archery equipment  
7 for target practice and marksmanship training ac-  
8 tivities on Federal land is allowed, except to the ex-  
9 tent specific portions of that land have been closed  
10 to those activities;

11 (2) in recent years preceding the date of enact-  
12 ment of this Act, portions of Federal land have been  
13 closed to target practice and marksmanship training  
14 for many reasons;

15 (3) the availability of public target ranges on  
16 non-Federal land has been declining for a variety of  
17 reasons, including continued population growth and  
18 development near former ranges;

19 (4) providing opportunities for target practice  
20 and marksmanship training at public target ranges  
21 on Federal and non-Federal land can help—

22 (A) to promote enjoyment of shooting, rec-  
23 reational, and hunting activities; and

24 (B) to ensure safe and convenient locations  
25 for those activities;

1           (5) Federal law in effect on the date of enact-  
2           ment of this Act, including the Pittman-Robertson  
3           Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669 et seq.),  
4           provides Federal support for construction and ex-  
5           pansion of public target ranges by making available  
6           to States amounts that may be used for construc-  
7           tion, operation, and maintenance of public target  
8           ranges; and

9           (6) it is in the public interest to provide in-  
10          creased Federal support to facilitate the construction  
11          or expansion of public target ranges.

12          (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to facili-  
13          tate the construction and expansion of public target  
14          ranges, including ranges on Federal land managed by the  
15          Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

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

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

19                  (1) is identified by a governmental agency for  
20                  recreational shooting;

21                  (2) is open to the public;

22                  (3) may be supervised; and

23                  (4) may accommodate archery or rifle, pistol, or  
24                  shotgun shooting.

1 **SEC. 4. AMENDMENTS TO PITTMAN-ROBERTSON WILDLIFE**  
2 **RESTORATION ACT.**

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

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

8 (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-  
9 lowing:

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

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

14 “(B) is open to the public;

15 “(C) may be supervised; and

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

18 (b) EXPENDITURES FOR MANAGEMENT OF WILD-  
19 LIFE AREAS AND RESOURCES.—Section 8(b) of the Pitt-  
20 man-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C.  
21 669g(b)) is amended—

22 (1) by striking “(b) Each State” and inserting  
23 the following:

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

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

3           (2) in paragraph (1) (as so designated), by  
4 striking “construction, operation,” and inserting  
5 “operation”;

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

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

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

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

13          (5) by inserting after paragraph (1) (as des-  
14 ignated by paragraph (1) of this subsection) the fol-  
15 lowing:

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

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

24          (1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the  
25 following:

1           “(3) ALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS.—

2           Of the amount apportioned to a State for any fiscal  
3           year under section 4(b), the State may elect to allo-  
4           cate not more than 10 percent, to be combined with  
5           the amount apportioned to the State under para-  
6           graph (1) for that fiscal year, for acquiring land for,  
7           expanding, or constructing a public target range.”;

8           (2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the  
9           following:

10          “(b) COST SHARING.—

11           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
12           graph (2), the Federal share of the cost of any activ-  
13           ity carried out using a grant under this section shall  
14           not exceed 75 percent of the total cost of the activ-  
15           ity.

16           “(2) PUBLIC TARGET RANGE CONSTRUCTION OR  
17           EXPANSION.—The Federal share of the cost of ac-  
18           quiring land for, expanding, or constructing a public  
19           target range in a State on Federal or non-Federal  
20           land pursuant to this section or section 8(b) shall  
21           not exceed 90 percent of the cost of the activity.”;

22          and

23           (3) in subsection (c)(1)—

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

