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[Report No. 116-628]

To amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to modernize the funding of wildlife conservation, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 30, 2019

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia (for himself, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. HUDSON, and Mrs. DINGELL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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Additional sponsors: Mr. GIANFORTE, Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia, Mr. WILLIAMS, Mr. HILL of Arkansas, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. LATTA, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Mr. MITCHELL, Ms. CHENEY, Mr. COLE, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. HICE of Georgia, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. UPTON, Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. WESTERMAN, Ms. TORRES SMALL of New Mexico, Ms. KENDRA S. HORN of Oklahoma, Mr. COX of California, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. KIND, Mr. PETERSON, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, and Mr. GUEST

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Reported from the Committee on Natural Resources; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

# **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 “Modernizing the Pitt-

5 man-Robertson Fund for Tomorrow’s Needs Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

7       The first section of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife

8 Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669) is amended by adding

9 at the end the following: “One of the purposes of this Act

10 is to provide financial and technical assistance to the

11 States for the promotion of hunting and recreational

12 shooting.”.

13 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

14       Section 2 of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restora-

15 tion Act (16 U.S.C. 669a) is amended—

16           (1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through

17           (8) as paragraphs (4) through (10), respectively;

18           and

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

20           lowing:

21           “(2) for the purposes of determining the num-

22           ber of paid hunting-license holders in a State, the

23           term ‘fiscal year’ means the fiscal year or license

24           year of the State;

1           “(3) the term ‘hunter recruitment and rec-  
2           reational shooter recruitment’ means any activity or  
3           project to recruit or retain hunters and recreational  
4           shooters, including by—

5                   “(A) outreach and communications as a  
6           means—

7                           “(i) to improve communications with  
8                           hunters, recreational shooters, and the  
9                           general public with respect to hunting and  
10                          recreational shooting opportunities;

11                          “(ii) to reduce barriers to participa-  
12                          tion in these activities;

13                          “(iii) to advance the adoption of  
14                          sound hunting and recreational shooting  
15                          practices;

16                          “(iv) to promote conservation and the  
17                          responsible use of the wildlife resources of  
18                          the United States; and

19                          “(v) to further safety in hunting and  
20                          recreational shooting;

21                   “(B) providing education, mentoring, and  
22                   field demonstrations;

23                   “(C) enhancing access for hunting and rec-  
24                   reational shooting, including through range con-  
25                   struction; and

1           “(D) providing education to the public  
2           about the role of hunting and recreational  
3           shooting in funding wildlife conservation;”.

4 **SEC. 4. APPORTIONMENT OF AVAILABLE AMOUNTS.**

5           (a) APPORTIONMENT OF CERTAIN TAXES.—The first  
6 subsection (c) of section 4 of the Pittman-Robertson Wild-  
7 life Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669c) is amended—

8           (1) by inserting “APPORTIONMENT OF REVE-  
9           NUES FROM PISTOLS, REVOLVERS, BOWS, AND AR-  
10           ROWS.—” after the enumerator;

11           (2) by striking “One-half” and inserting the fol-  
12           lowing:

13           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),  
14            $\frac{1}{2}$ ”;

15           (3) by striking “: *Provided*, That” and inserting  
16           a period;

17           (4) by striking “each State shall be apportioned  
18           not more than 3 per centum and not less than 1 per  
19           centum of such revenues” and inserting the fol-  
20           lowing:

21           “(2) CONDITION.—The amount apportioned to  
22           each State under paragraph (1) shall be not greater  
23           than 3 percent and not less than 1 percent of the  
24           revenues described in such paragraph”;



1 **SEC. 6. FIREARM AND BOW HUNTER EDUCATION AND SAFE-**  
2 **TY PROGRAM GRANTS.**

3 Section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Pittman-Robertson Wild-  
4 life Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669h-1(a)(1)(A)) is  
5 amended—

6 (1) in clause (iii), by striking “and” at the end;

7 and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(v) the enhancement of hunter re-  
10 cruitment and recreational shooter recruit-  
11 ment; and”.

12 **SEC. 7. MULTISTATE CONSERVATION GRANT PROGRAM.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 11 of the Pittman-Robert-  
14 son Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669h-2) is  
15 amended—

16 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

17 (A) by striking “Not more than” and in-  
18 serting the following:

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not more than”; and

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

21 “(B) AVAILABILITY FOR HUNTER AND  
22 RECREATIONAL SHOOTER GRANTS.—Not more  
23 than \$5,000,000 of the revenues covered into  
24 the fund from any tax imposed under section  
25 4161(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986  
26 for a fiscal year shall be available to the Sec-

1           retary exclusively for making hunter recruit-  
2           ment and recreational shooter recruitment  
3           grants that promote a national hunting and  
4           shooting sport recruitment program, including  
5           related communication and outreach activi-  
6           ties.”;

7           (2) in the matter preceding subsection  
8           (b)(3)(A), by striking “International”;

9           (3) in the matter preceding subsection  
10          (c)(2)(A)(i), by striking “International”;

11          (4) in subsection (c)(2)(A)(i), by inserting “or  
12          to recreational shooting activities” after “wildlife”;  
13          and

14          (5) in subsection (d), by inserting “or to rec-  
15          reational shooting activities” after “wildlife”.

16          (b) STUDY.—Not later than 10 years after the date  
17          of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior,  
18          acting through the Director of the United States Fish and  
19          Wildlife Service, shall—

20                 (1) review and evaluate the effects of the funds  
21                 made available under subparagraph (B) of section  
22                 11(a)(1) of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restora-  
23                 tion Act (16 U.S.C. 669h–2(a)(1)) (as added by sub-  
24                 section (a)(1)(B)) on funds available for wildlife con-  
25                 servation; and



1           (2) submit a report describing the results of the  
2 review and evaluation under paragraph (1) to—

3           (A) the Committee on Environment and  
4 Public Works of the Senate; and

5           (B) the Committee on Natural Resources  
6 of the House of Representatives.

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