

116TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 4403

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## AN ACT

To amend the Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003 to include California in the program, 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. NUTRIA ERADICATION.**

2 The Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003  
3 (Public Law 108–16) is amended—

4 (1) in section 2—

5 (A) in subsection (a)—

6 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking  
7 “Wetlands and tidal marshes of the Chesapeake Bay and in Louisiana” and inserting  
8 “Wetlands, tidal marshes, and agricultural  
9 lands”;  
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11 (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “in  
12 Maryland and Louisiana”; and

13 (iii) by amending paragraph (3) to  
14 read as follows:

15 “(3) Traditional harvest methods to control or  
16 eradicate nutria have failed. Consequently, marsh  
17 loss, loss of public and private wetlands, and loss of  
18 agricultural lands are accelerating.”; and

19 (B) in subsection (b), by striking “the  
20 State of Maryland and the State of Louisiana”  
21 and inserting “any State that has demonstrated  
22 the need”; and

23 (2) in section 3—

24 (A) by amending subsection (a) to read as  
25 follows:

1       “(a) GRANT AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of the Inte-  
 2 rior (referred to in this Act as the ‘Secretary’), may pro-  
 3 vide financial assistance to a State, in an amount that is  
 4 in proportion to the total impacted area of such State af-  
 5 fected by nutria, that has demonstrated to the Secretary  
 6 sufficient need for a program to implement measures to  
 7 eradicate or control nutria and restore marshland, public  
 8 and private wetlands, and agricultural lands damaged by  
 9 nutria.”;

10                   (B) by striking subsection (b);

11                   (C) in subsection (d)—

12                       (i) in paragraph (1), by striking “the  
 13 program may” and inserting “a State pro-  
 14 gram referred to in subsection (a) may”;  
 15 and

16                       (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “the  
 17 program may” and inserting “a State pro-  
 18 gram referred to in subsection (a) may”;

19                   (D) in subsection (e), by inserting “to a  
 20 State” after “provided”;

21                   (E) in subsection (f), by striking  
 22 “\$4,000,000” and all that follows and inserting  
 23 “\$12,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021  
 24 through 2025.”; and

- 1 (F) by redesignating subsections (c)  
2 through (f) as subsections (b) through (e).

Passed the Senate September 30 (legislative day,  
September 29), 2020.

Attest:

*Secretary.*



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