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S. 4403

To amend the Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003 to include California in the program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 3, 2020

Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) 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. NUTRIA ERADICATION.**

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

6 (1) in section 2—

7 (A) in subsection (a)—

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

3 (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “in
4 Maryland and Louisiana”; and

5 (iii) by amending paragraph (3) to
6 read as follows:

7 “(3) Traditional harvest methods to control or
8 eradicate nutria have failed. Consequently, marsh
9 loss, loss of public and private wetlands, and loss of
10 agricultural lands are accelerating.”; and

11 (B) in subsection (b), by striking “the
12 State of Maryland and the State of Louisiana”
13 and inserting “any State that has demonstrated
14 the need”; and

15 (2) in section 3—

16 (A) by amending subsection (a) to read as
17 follows:

18 “(a) GRANT AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of the Inte-
19 rior (referred to in this Act as the ‘Secretary’), may pro-
20 vide financial assistance to a State, in an amount that is
21 in proportion to the total impacted area of such State af-
22 fected by nutria, that has demonstrated to the Secretary
23 sufficient need for a program to implement measures to
24 eradicate or control nutria and restore marshland, public

1 and private wetlands, and agricultural lands damaged by
2 nutria.”;

3 (B) by striking subsection (b);

4 (C) in subsection (d)—

5 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking “the
6 program may” and inserting “a State pro-
7 gram referred to in subsection (a) may”;

8 and

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

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

14 (E) in subsection (f), by striking
15 “\$4,000,000” and all that follows and inserting
16 “\$12,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021
17 through 2025.”; and

18 (F) by redesignating subsections (c)
19 through (f) as subsections (b) through (e).

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