H. R. 4389

To amend the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act to make improvements to that Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 27, 2023

Ms. Salazar (for herself, Mr. Larsen of Washington, Mr. Joyce of Ohio, and Mrs. Peltola) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Migratory Birds of the Americas Conservation Enhancements Act of 2023”.

SEC. 2. NEOTROPICAL MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION ACT AMENDMENTS.

(a) FEDERAL SHARE.—Section 5(e)(1) of the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C.
6104(e)(1)) is amended by striking “25 percent” and inserting “33.3 percent”.

(b) COOPERATION.—Section 7 of the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 6106) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of the Migratory Birds of the Americas Conservation Enhancements Act of 2023, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives a report describing the implementation of subsection (b) by the Secretary, which shall include, if applicable, a description of the composition of the advisory group convened under paragraph (1) of that subsection.”.

(e) NEOTROPICAL MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION FUND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Section 9(c)(2) of the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 6108(c)(2)) is amended by striking “3 percent or up to $100,000” and inserting “4 percent or up to $200,000”.

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 10(a) of the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 6109(a)) is amended to read as follows:
“(a) In General.—There are authorized to be ap-
propriated to carry out this Act—
“(1) for fiscal year 2024, $6,500,000; 
“(2) for fiscal year 2025, $7,000,000; 
“(3) for fiscal year 2026, $8,000,000; 
“(4) for fiscal year 2027, $9,000,000; and 
“(5) for fiscal year 2028, $10,000,000.”.

(e) Technical Corrections.—
(1) Definitions.—Section 4 of the Neotropical 
Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 6103) 
is amended—
(A) by striking paragraph (1); and 
(B) by redesignating paragraphs (2) 
through (5) as paragraphs (1) through (4), re-
spectively.
(2) Cooperation.—Section 7(b)(1) of the 
Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16 
U.S.C. 6106(b)(1)) is amended in the second sen-
tence by adding a period at the end.

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