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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 of 2017”.

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

1 at the end the following: “One of the purposes of this Act
2 is to provide financial and technical assistance to the
3 States for the promotion of hunting and recreational
4 shooting.”.

5 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

6 Section 2 of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restora-
7 tion Act (16 U.S.C. 669a) is amended—

8 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through
9 (8) as paragraphs (4) through (10), respectively;
10 and

11 (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
12 lowing:

13 “(2) for the purposes of determining the num-
14 ber of paid hunting-license holders in a State, the
15 term ‘fiscal year’ means the fiscal year or license
16 year of the State;

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

21 “(A) using social media, marketing, adver-
22 tising, surveying, television spots, print, and
23 media;

24 “(B) providing education, mentoring, and
25 field demonstrations;

1 “(C) enhancing access for hunting and rec-
2 reational shooting, including through range con-
3 struction;

4 “(D) providing education to the public
5 about the role of hunting and recreational
6 shooting in funding wildlife conservation; and

7 “(E) using any other means to ensure the
8 growth of hunting and recreational shooting, as
9 determined by the Secretary;”.

10 **SEC. 4. ALLOCATION AND APPORTIONMENT OF AVAILABLE**
11 **AMOUNTS.**

12 (a) APPORTIONMENT TO STATES.—Section 4(b) of
13 the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (16
14 U.S.C. 669c(b)) is amended—

15 (1) in the first sentence, by striking “The Sec-
16 retary of the Interior” and inserting the following:

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary”;

18 (2) in the second sentence, by striking “Such
19 apportionments” and inserting the following:

20 “(2) ADJUSTMENTS.—The apportionments
21 under paragraph (1)”;

22 (3) by striking the third sentence; and

23 (4) by adding at the end the following:

24 “(3) USE OF FUNDS.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
2 graph (B), amounts apportioned under this
3 subsection may be used for hunter recruitment
4 and recreational shooter recruitment.

5 “(B) LIMITATION.—A State may make an
6 expenditure under subparagraph (A) only if the
7 amount of the expenditure during the fiscal
8 year in which the expenditure is made plus the
9 amount of the expenditures for hunter recruit-
10 ment and recreational shooter recruitment
11 made during the 4 fiscal years preceding that
12 fiscal year is not greater than 25 percent of the
13 total amount apportioned to the State under
14 this subsection during that 5-fiscal-year pe-
15 riod.”.

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

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

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

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
25 $\frac{1}{2}$ ”;

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

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

7 “(2) **CONDITION.**—The amount apportioned to
8 each State under paragraph (1) shall be not greater
9 than 3 percent and not less than 1 percent of the
10 revenues described in such paragraph”;

11 (5) by striking “For the purpose” and inserting
12 the following:

13 “(3) **POPULATION DETERMINATION.**—For the
14 purpose”; and

15 (6) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(4) **USE OF FUNDS.**—In addition to other uses
17 authorized under this Act, amounts apportioned
18 under this subsection may be used for hunter re-
19 cruitment and recreational shooter recruitment.”.

20 **SEC. 5. EXPENDITURES FOR MANAGEMENT OF WILDLIFE**
21 **AREAS AND RESOURCES.**

22 Section 8 of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restora-
23 tion Act (16 U.S.C. 669g) is amended—

24 (1) in subsection (a), in the third sentence, by
25 striking “and public relations”; and

1 (2) in subsection (b), in the first sentence, by
2 striking “, as a part of such program”.

3 **SEC. 6. FIREARM AND BOW HUNTER EDUCATION AND SAFE-**
4 **TY PROGRAM GRANTS.**

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

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

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

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

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

15 Section 11 of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Res-
16 toration Act (16 U.S.C. 669h-2) is amended—

17 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

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

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

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

22 “(B) AVAILABILITY FOR HUNTER AND
23 RECREATIONAL SHOOTER GRANTS.—Not more
24 than \$5,000,000 of the revenues covered into
25 the fund from any tax imposed under section

1 4161(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986
2 for a fiscal year shall be available to the Sec-
3 retary exclusively for making hunter recruit-
4 ment and recreational shooter recruitment
5 grants that promote a national hunting and
6 shooting sport recruitment program, including
7 related communication and outreach activi-
8 ties.”;

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

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

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

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