

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2757

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 15, 2007

Mr. THOMPSON of California (for himself and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OF FUNDS FOR CONSERVA-**
2 **TION OF MIGRATORY WATERFOWL AND HABITAT.**
3 **TAT.**

4 The first section of Public Law 87–383 (16 U.S.C.
5 715k–3), popularly known as the Wetlands Loan Act, is
6 amended—

7 (1) by striking “for the period” and all that fol-
8 lows through the end of the sentence and inserting
9 “\$40,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2009 through
10 2018.”; and

11 (2) by adding at the end the following: “Funds
12 appropriated pursuant to this Act shall be treated as
13 an advance, without interest, to the migratory bird
14 conservation fund. Such appropriated funds, begin-
15 ning on July 1, 2010, shall be repaid to the Treas-
16 ury out of the migratory bird conservation fund.
17 Such repayment shall be made in annual amounts
18 comprising the moneys accruing annually to such
19 fund that are attributable to the portion of the price
20 of migratory bird hunting stamps sold that year that
21 is in excess of \$15 per stamp.”.

22 **SEC. 2. PRICE OF DUCK STAMP.**

23 (a) **PRICE OF STAMP.**—Section 2(b) of the Act of
24 March 16, 1934 (chapter 71; 16 U.S.C. 718b(b)), popu-
25 larly known as the Duck Stamp Act, is amended to read
26 as follows:

1 “(b) PRICE OF STAMP.—A person authorized to sell
2 stamps under this section shall collect, for each stamp
3 sold—

4 “(1) \$25 for a stamp for any of hunting years
5 2009 through 2016; and

6 “(2) \$35 for a stamp for each hunting year
7 after hunting year 2016.”.

8 (b) LIMITATION ON APPLICATION.—This section
9 shall not affect the application of section 2 of such Act
10 before July 1, 2009.

11 **SEC. 3. USE OF FUNDING.**

12 (a) ACQUISITION OF LANDS ONLY UPON REC-
13 OMMENDATION OF MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION
14 COMMISSION.—Amounts appropriated after the date of
15 the enactment of this Act under the first section of Public
16 Law 87–383 (16 U.S.C. 715k–3), popularly known as the
17 Wetlands Loan Act, as amended by this Act, or from the
18 migratory bird conservation fund, shall be available to ac-
19 quire land only if the acquisition is recommended by the
20 Migratory Bird Conservation Commission.

21 (b) DESIGNATION OF AUTHORIZED PRIORITY GEN-
22 ERAL PUBLIC USES.—Not later than one year after the
23 acquisition of land with amounts referred to in subsection
24 (a) that will be included in the National Wildlife Refuge
25 System, the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the

1 Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service,
2 shall designate the priority general public uses (as that
3 term is used in section 4(a)(3) of the National Wildlife
4 Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C.
5 668dd(a)(3))) that will be authorized on such land, and
6 the first date on which each designated use will be allowed.

7 **SEC. 4. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING THE EXPENDI-**
8 **TURES OF FUNDS.**

9 It is the sense of Congress that—

10 (1) the funds provided pursuant to the amend-
11 ments made by this Act—

12 (A) should be used for preserving and in-
13 creasing waterfowl populations in accordance
14 with the goals and objectives of the North
15 American Waterfowl Management Plan; and

16 (B) to that end, should be used to supple-
17 ment and not replace current conservation
18 funding, including funding for other Federal
19 and State habitat conservation programs; and

20 (2) this Act should be implemented in a manner
21 that helps private landowners achieve their long-
22 term land use objectives in ways that enhance the
23 conservation of wetlands and wildlife habitat.

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