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S. 715

To establish a pilot program to provide for the preservation and rehabilitation of historic lighthouses.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 26, 2009

Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. SCHUMER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

To establish a pilot program to provide for the preservation and rehabilitation of historic lighthouses.

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 “National Lighthouse
5 Stewardship Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. FUNDING FOR HISTORIC LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVA-**
7 **TION.**

8 Title III of the National Historic Preservation Act
9 (16 U.S.C. 470w et seq.) is amended by adding at the
10 end the following:

1 **“SEC. 310. NATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE STEWARDSHIP PILOT**
2 **PROGRAM.**

3 “(a) DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—In this sec-
4 tion, the term ‘eligible entity’ means a State, unit of local
5 government, or nonprofit organization that—

6 “(1) provides financial assistance and grants to
7 local governmental units and nonprofit organizations
8 to preserve and maintain historic lighthouse struc-
9 tures;

10 “(2) owns a lighthouse that is listed or eligible
11 for listing on the National Register; or

12 “(3) has a right to maintain and rehabilitate a
13 lighthouse described in paragraph (2) that is owned
14 by the Federal Government.

15 “(b) LIGHTHOUSE STEWARDSHIP PILOT PRO-
16 GRAM.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall estab-
18 lish a 3-year pilot program under which the Sec-
19 retary shall use amounts authorized to be appro-
20 priated under subsection (c) to provide grants to eli-
21 gible entities to preserve and rehabilitate historic
22 lighthouse structures.

23 “(2) DISTRIBUTION TO ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—

24 “(A) APPLICATION.—To be eligible for a
25 grant under this subsection, an eligible entity
26 shall submit to the Secretary an application at

1 such time, in such form and manner, and in-
2 cluding such information as the Secretary may
3 require.

4 “(B) APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL.—Based
5 on criteria established by the Secretary, the
6 Secretary shall approve or disapprove an appli-
7 cation submitted under subparagraph (A).

8 “(C) AVAILABILITY OF GRANT FUNDS.—

9 “(i) IN GENERAL.—On approval of an
10 application under subparagraph (B), the
11 Secretary shall make the grant funds avail-
12 able to the eligible entity.

13 “(ii) USE OF EXISTING FUNDS.—To
14 the maximum extent practicable, the Sec-
15 retary shall provide funding through exist-
16 ing lighthouse grant programs adminis-
17 tered by State governments.

18 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
19 is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry
20 out this section for each of fiscal years 2009 through
21 2012, to remain available until expended, without fiscal
22 year limitation, not more than the lesser of—

23 “(1) \$20,000,000; or

1 “(2) the amount collected as taxes and received
2 in the Treasury during the fiscal year under section
3 60301 of title 46, United States Code.”.

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