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## AN ACT

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

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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Modernizing the Pitt-  
3 man-Robertson Fund for Tomorrow’s Needs Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

5 The first section of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife  
6 Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669) is amended by adding  
7 at the end the following: “One of the purposes of this Act  
8 is to provide financial and technical assistance to the  
9 States for the promotion of hunting and recreational  
10 shooting.”.

11 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

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

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

17 (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-  
18 lowing:

19 “(2) for the purposes of determining the num-  
20 ber of paid hunting-license holders in a State, the  
21 term ‘fiscal year’ means the fiscal year or license  
22 year of the State;

23 “(3) the term ‘hunter recruitment and rec-  
24 reational shooter recruitment’ means any activity or  
25 project to recruit or retain hunters and recreational  
26 shooters, including by—

1           “(A) using social media, marketing, adver-  
2           tising, surveying, television spots, print, and  
3           media;

4           “(B) providing education, mentoring, and  
5           field demonstrations;

6           “(C) enhancing access for hunting and rec-  
7           reational shooting, including through range con-  
8           struction;

9           “(D) providing education to the public  
10          about the role of hunting and recreational  
11          shooting in funding wildlife conservation; and

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

15 **SEC. 4. ALLOCATION AND APPORTIONMENT OF AVAILABLE**  
16 **AMOUNTS.**

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

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

22           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary”;

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

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

3           (3) by striking the third sentence; and

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

5           “(3) USE OF FUNDS.—

6                 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-  
7 graph (B), amounts apportioned under this  
8 subsection may be used for hunter recruitment  
9 and recreational shooter recruitment.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

14          “(2) CONDITION.—The amount apportioned to  
15          each State under paragraph (1) shall be not greater  
16          than 3 percent and not less than 1 percent of the  
17          revenues described in such paragraph”;

18          (5) by striking “For the purpose” and inserting  
19          the following:

20          “(3) POPULATION DETERMINATION.—For the  
21          purpose”; and

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

23          “(4) USE OF FUNDS.—In addition to other uses  
24          authorized under this Act, amounts apportioned

1 under this subsection may be used for hunter re-  
2 cruitment and recreational shooter recruitment.”.

3 (c) TECHNICAL CORRECTION.—Section 4 of the Pitt-  
4 man-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669c)  
5 is amended by redesignating the second subsection (c) and  
6 subsection (d) as subsections (d) and (e), respectively.

7 **SEC. 5. EXPENDITURES FOR MANAGEMENT OF WILDLIFE**  
8 **AREAS AND RESOURCES.**

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

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

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

15 **SEC. 6. FIREARM AND BOW HUNTER EDUCATION AND SAFE-**  
16 **TY PROGRAM GRANTS.**

17 Section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Pittman-Robertson Wild-  
18 life Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669h–1(a)(1)(A)) is  
19 amended—

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

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

23 “(v) the enhancement of hunter re-  
24 cruitment and recreational shooter recruit-  
25 ment; and”.

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

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

4 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

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

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

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

9 “(B) AVAILABILITY FOR HUNTER AND  
10 RECREATIONAL SHOOTER GRANTS.—Not more  
11 than \$5,000,000 of the revenues covered into  
12 the fund from any tax imposed under section  
13 4161(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986  
14 for a fiscal year shall be available to the Sec-  
15 retary exclusively for making hunter recruit-  
16 ment and recreational shooter recruitment  
17 grants that promote a national hunting and  
18 shooting sport recruitment program, including  
19 related communication and outreach activi-  
20 ties.”;

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

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

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

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

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Attest:

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