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# H. R. 3399

[Report No. 116-]

To amend the Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003 to include California in the program, and for other purposes.

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 21, 2019

Mr. HARDER of California (for himself, Mr. COSTA, Mr. COX of California, and Mr. GARAMENDI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italics]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on June 21, 2019]

# **A BILL**

To amend the Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003  
to include California in the program, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. NUTRIA ERADICATION.**

4        *The Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003 (Pub-*  
5 *lic Law 108–16) is amended—*

6            (1) *in section 2—*

7                    (A) *in subsection (a)—*

8                            (i) *in paragraph (1), by striking “Wet-*  
9 *lands and tidal marshes of the Chesapeake*  
10 *Bay and in Louisiana” and inserting*  
11 *“Wetlands, tidal marshes, and agricultural*  
12 *lands”;*

13                            (ii) *in paragraph (2), by striking “in*  
14 *Maryland and Louisiana”;* and

15                            (iii) *by amending paragraph (3) to*  
16 *read as follows:*

17                    “(3) *Traditional harvest methods to control or*  
18 *eradicate nutria have failed. Consequently, marsh*  
19 *loss, loss of public and private wetlands, and loss of*  
20 *agricultural lands are accelerating.”; and*

21                            (B) *in subsection (b), by striking “the State*  
22 *of Maryland and the State of Louisiana” and*  
23 *inserting “any State that has demonstrated the*  
24 *need”;* and

25            (2) *in section 3—*

1                   (A) by amending subsection (a) to read as  
2                   *follows:*

3                   “(a) *GRANT AUTHORITY.*—*The Secretary of the Inte-*  
4 *rior (referred to in this Act as the ‘Secretary’), may provide*  
5 *financial assistance to a State, in an amount that is in*  
6 *proportion to the total impacted area of such State affected*  
7 *by nutria, that has demonstrated to the Secretary sufficient*  
8 *need for a program to implement measures to eradicate or*  
9 *control nutria and restore marshland, public and private*  
10 *wetlands, and agricultural lands damaged by nutria.”;*

11                   (B) by striking subsection (b);

12                   (C) in subsection (d)—

13                   (i) in paragraph (1), by striking “*the*  
14 *program may*” and inserting “*a State pro-*  
15 *gram referred to in subsection (a) may*”;  
16                   and

17                   (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “*the*  
18 *program may*” and inserting “*a State pro-*  
19 *gram referred to in subsection (a) may*”;

20                   (D) in subsection (e), by inserting “*to a*  
21 *State*” after “*provided*”;

22                   (E) in subsection (f), by striking  
23 “*\$4,000,000*” and all that follows and inserting  
24 “*\$12,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021*  
25 *through 2025.*”; and

1                                    *(F) by redesignating subsections (c) through*  
2                                    *(f) as subsections (b) through (e).*