

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 788

AN ACT

To amend the Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2013 to allow States to issue fully electronic stamps under that Act, 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 “Duck Stamp Mod-
3 ernization Act of 2023”.

4 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZING FULLY ELECTRONIC STAMPS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5 of the Permanent Elec-
6 tronic Duck Stamp Act of 2013 (16 U.S.C. 718r) is
7 amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a)—

9 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking
10 “ACTUAL STAMP” and inserting “ELECTRONIC
11 STAMP”;

12 (B) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
13 by striking “an actual stamp” and inserting
14 “the electronic stamp”; and

15 (C) by striking paragraph (1) and insert-
16 ing the following:

17 “(1) on the date of purchase of the electronic
18 stamp; and”;

19 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “actual
20 stamps” and inserting “actual stamps under sub-
21 section (e)”;

22 (3) by redesignating subsection (e) as sub-
23 section (f); and

24 (4) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-
25 lowing:

1 “(e) DELIVERY OF ACTUAL STAMPS.—The Secretary
2 shall issue an actual stamp after March 10 of each year
3 to each individual that purchased an electronic stamp for
4 the preceding waterfowl season.”.

5 (b) CONTENTS OF ELECTRONIC STAMP.—Section 2
6 of the Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2013 (16
7 U.S.C. 718o) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “Federal” and
9 all that follows through “that is printed” and insert-
10 ing “Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation
11 Stamp required under the Migratory Bird Hunting
12 and Conservation Stamp Act (16 U.S.C. 718a et
13 seq.) that is printed”; and

14 (2) in paragraph (3)—

15 (A) in subparagraph (D), by striking
16 “and” at the end;

17 (B) in subparagraph (E), by striking the
18 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

19 (C) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(F) may contain an image of the actual
21 stamp.”.

22 (c) STAMP VALID THROUGH CLOSE OF HUNTING
23 SEASON.—Section 6 of the Permanent Electronic Duck
24 Stamp Act of 2013 (16 U.S.C. 718s) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (b), in the matter preceding
 2 paragraph (1), by striking “shall, during the effec-
 3 tive period of the electronic stamp—” and inserting
 4 “shall—”; and

5 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “for a period
 6 agreed to by the State and the Secretary, which
 7 shall not exceed 45 days” and inserting “through
 8 the first June 30 that occurs after the date of
 9 issuance of the electronic stamp by the State”.

10 (d) ELECTRONIC STAMPS AS PERMIT.—Section
 11 1(a)(1) of the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation
 12 Stamp Act (16 U.S.C. 718a(a)(1)) is amended—

13 (1) by inserting “as an electronic stamp (as de-
 14 fined in section 2 of the Permanent Electronic Duck
 15 Stamp Act of 2013 (16 U.S.C. 718o)) or” after
 16 “Conservation Stamp,”; and

17 (2) by striking “face of the stamp” and insert-
 18 ing “face of the actual stamp (as defined in that sec-
 19 tion)”.

Passed the Senate July 27, 2023.

Attest:

Secretary.

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