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H. R. 5063

[Report No. 119-]

To ensure continuity of staffing at Federal beaches, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 29, 2025

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia introduced the following bill; which was referred to
the Committee on Natural Resources

SEPTEMBER --, 2026

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

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on August 29, 2025]

A BILL

To ensure continuity of staffing at Federal beaches, 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Safe Beaches, Safe*
5 *Swimmers Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. ADEQUATE LIFEGUARD STAFFING AT FEDERAL**
7 **SWIMMING AREAS AND BEACHES.**

8 *(a) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary determines there*
9 *is a staffing shortage with respect to a designated swim lo-*
10 *cation, the Secretary may seek to enter into an agreement*
11 *with one or more local government agencies to enable life-*
12 *guards employed by those local government agencies to—*

13 *(1) adequately staff such designated swim loca-*
14 *tion during normal seasonal operating hours; and*

15 *(2) ensure visitor safety and provide rescue and*
16 *first aid services at the designated swim location as*
17 *necessary.*

18 *(b) REIMBURSEMENT.—In entering into an agreement*
19 *under subsection (a), the Secretary shall ensure that the*
20 *local government agency providing the lifeguard services is*
21 *reimbursed for all reasonable costs incurred by the local gov-*
22 *ernment agency in carrying out the agreement.*

23 *(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

1 (1) *DESIGNATED SWIM LOCATION.*—*The term*
2 *“designated swim location” means a swimming area*
3 *or swimming beach—*

4 *(A) on lands and waters managed by the*
5 *National Park Service, the United States Fish*
6 *and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Man-*
7 *agement, or the Bureau of Reclamation; and*

8 *(B) that is typically monitored by federally*
9 *employed lifeguards during normal seasonal op-*
10 *erating hours.*

11 (2) *STAFFING SHORTAGE.*—

12 *(A) IN GENERAL.*—*The term “staffing short-*
13 *age” means a level of staffing that negatively im-*
14 *pacts the ability to adequately staff a designated*
15 *swim location with federally employed lifeguards*
16 *and will likely result or has resulted in a des-*
17 *ignated swim location being left unmonitored by*
18 *federally employed lifeguards during normal sea-*
19 *sonal operating hours.*

20 *(B) EXCLUSION.*—*The term “staffing short-*
21 *age” does not refer to short-term staffing short-*
22 *ages caused by temporary absences, such as an*
23 *employee taking annual or sick leave.*

24 (3) *SECRETARY.*—*The term “Secretary” means*
25 *the Secretary of the Interior.*