

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4742**  
**OFFERED BY MR. PALLONE OF NEW JERSEY**

After section 115 insert the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_ RECREATIONAL FISHING DATA.**

2 (a) RECREATIONAL DATA COLLECTION.—Section  
3 401(g) (16 U.S.C. 1881(g)) is amended by redesignating  
4 paragraph (4) as paragraph (5), and by inserting after  
5 paragraph (3) the following:

6 “(4) FEDERAL-STATE PARTNERSHIPS.—

7 “(A) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary  
8 shall establish partnerships with States to de-  
9 velop best practices for implementation of State  
10 programs established pursuant to paragraph  
11 (2).

12 “(B) GUIDANCE.—The Secretary shall de-  
13 velop guidance, in cooperation with the States,  
14 that details best practices for administering  
15 State programs pursuant to paragraph (2), and  
16 provide such guidance to the States.

17 “(C) BIENNIAL REPORT.—The Secretary  
18 shall submit to the Congress and publish bien-  
19 nial reports that include—

1 “(i) the estimated accuracy of the reg-  
2 istry program established under paragraph  
3 (1) and of State programs that are ex-  
4 empted under paragraph (2);

5 “(ii) priorities for improving rec-  
6 reational fishing data collection; and

7 “(iii) an explanation of any use of in-  
8 formation collected by such State programs  
9 and by the Secretary, including a descrip-  
10 tion of any consideration given to the in-  
11 formation by the Secretary.

12 “(D) STATES GRANT PROGRAM.—The Sec-  
13 retary shall make grants to States to improve  
14 implementation of State programs consistent  
15 with this subsection. The Secretary shall  
16 prioritize such grants based on the ability of the  
17 grant to improve the quality and accuracy of  
18 such programs.”.

19 (b) STUDY ON RECREATIONAL FISHERIES DATA.—  
20 Section 401(g) (16 U.S.C. 1881(g)) is further amended  
21 by adding at the end the following:

22 “(6) STUDY ON PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60  
24 days after the enactment of this paragraph, the  
25 Secretary shall enter into an agreement with

1 the National Research Council of the National  
2 Academy of Sciences to study the implementa-  
3 tion of the programs described in this section.

4 The study shall—

5 “(i) provide an updated assessment of  
6 recreational survey methods established or  
7 improved since the publication of the  
8 Council’s report ‘Review of Recreational  
9 Fisheries Survey Methods (2006)’;

10 “(ii) evaluate the extent to which the  
11 recommendations made in that report were  
12 implemented pursuant to paragraph  
13 (3)(B); and

14 “(iii) examine any limitations of the  
15 Marine Recreational Fishery Statistics  
16 Survey and the Marine Recreational Infor-  
17 mation Program established under para-  
18 graph (1).

19 “(B) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year  
20 after entering into an agreement under sub-  
21 paragraph (A), the Secretary shall submit a re-  
22 port to Congress on the results of the study  
23 under subparagraph (A).”.

