

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, S. 1342, With an Amendment

(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

116TH CONGRESS
2ND SESSION

S. 1342

AN ACT

To require the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere to update periodically the environmental sensitivity index products of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for each coastal area of the Great Lakes, 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 “Great Lakes Environ-
5 mental Sensitivity Index Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. UPDATE TO ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITY INDEX**

7 **PRODUCTS OF NATIONAL OCEANIC AND AT-**
8 **MOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION FOR GREAT**
9 **LAKES.**

10 (a) UPDATE REQUIRED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SEN-
11 SITIVITY INDEX PRODUCTS FOR GREAT LAKES.—Not
12 later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of

1 this Act, the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere
2 shall commence updating the environmental sensitivity
3 index products of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric
4 Administration for each coastal area of the Great Lakes.

5 (b) PERIODIC UPDATES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SEN-
6 SITIVITY INDEX PRODUCTS GENERALLY.—Subject to the
7 availability of appropriations and the priorities set forth
8 in subsection (c), the Under Secretary shall—

9 (1) periodically update the environmental sensi-
10 tivity index products of the Administration; and

11 (2) endeavor to do so not less frequently than
12 once every 7 years.

13 (c) PRIORITIES.—When prioritizing geographic areas
14 to update environmental sensitivity index products, the
15 Under Secretary shall consider—

16 (1) the age of existing environmental sensitivity
17 index products for the areas;

18 (2) the occurrence of extreme events, be it nat-
19 ural or man-made, which have significantly altered
20 the shoreline or ecosystem since the last update;

21 (3) the natural variability of shoreline and
22 coastal environment; and

23 (4) the volume of vessel traffic and general vul-
24 nerability to spilled pollutants.

1 (d) ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITY INDEX PRODUCT
2 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “environmental sen-
3 sitivity index product” means a map or similar tool that
4 is utilized to identify sensitive shoreline, coastal or off-
5 shore, resources prior to an oil spill event in order to set
6 baseline priorities for protection and plan cleanup strate-
7 gies, typically including information relating to shoreline
8 type, biological resources, and human use resources.

9 (e) FUNDING.—Funds to carry out the activities
10 under this section shall be derived from amounts author-
11 ized to be appropriated for the Under Secretary that are
12 enacted after the date of the enactment of this Act.

Passed the Senate November 16, 2020.

Attest:

Secretary.

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