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To establish a fund to promote the inspection and consumption of shrimp and products containing shrimp or shrimp parts.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana (for himself and Ms. CASTOR of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To establish a fund to promote the inspection and consumption of shrimp and products containing shrimp or shrimp parts.

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 “Laws Ensuring Safe
5 Shrimp Act” or the “LESS Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INSPECTION AND CONSUMPTION OF SHRIMP AND**
2 **SHRIMP PRODUCTS FUND.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is established in the Treas-
4 ury of the United States a fund to be known as the “In-
5 spection and Consumption of Shrimp and Shrimp Prod-
6 ucts Fund” (in this section referred to as the “Fund”),
7 consisting of such amounts as may be transferred to the
8 Fund under subsection (b) and to be available as provided
9 for under subsection (c).

10 (b) TRANSFER OF AMOUNTS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treas-
12 ury shall transfer to the Fund, from the general
13 fund of the Treasury, amounts determined by the
14 Secretary to be equivalent to 70 percent of amounts
15 received in the general fund that are attributable to
16 duties assessed by the United States, including du-
17 ties assessed pursuant to a countervailing duty order
18 or antidumping duty order under the Tariff Act of
19 1930 or a finding under the Antidumping Act of
20 1921, collected on imports of shrimp and products
21 containing shrimp or shrimp parts described in para-
22 graph (2) for fiscal year 2024 and each subsequent
23 fiscal year.

24 (2) SHRIMP AND PRODUCTS CONTAINING
25 SHRIMP OR SHRIMP PARTS DESCRIBED.—The
26 shrimp and products containing shrimp or shrimp

1 parts described in this paragraph are those products
2 provided for in any subheading of the Harmonized
3 Tariff Schedule of the United States, including sub-
4 headings 0306.16.00, 0306.17.00, 0306.35.00,
5 0306.36.00, 0306.95.00, 1605.21, and 1605.29 of
6 such schedule (or successor subheadings).

7 (c) USE OF AMOUNTS.—Amounts in the Fund shall
8 be available for each such fiscal year as follows:

9 (1) Fifty percent of such amounts shall be used
10 by the Secretary of Health and Human Services,
11 acting through the Commissioner of Food and
12 Drugs, for—

13 (A) the inspection, examination, sampling,
14 and testing of shrimp that present a high risk
15 of contamination from unapproved antibiotic
16 residues to identify violations of the provisions
17 of law carried out by the Secretary, acting
18 through the Commissioner;

19 (B) seafood importer inspections, associ-
20 ated training, capacity building, regulatory
21 partnerships, and development of data analytics
22 in support of such work; and

23 (C) coordination and data sharing with the
24 Secretary of Commerce, the Commissioner of
25 U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and the

1 heads of other relevant Federal agencies to en-
2 sure that imports of shrimp and products con-
3 taining shrimp or shrimp parts described in
4 subsection (b)(2) are not originating with
5 forced labor or illegal, unreported, or unregu-
6 lated sources pursuant to Public Law 117–78
7 (an Act to ensure that goods made with forced
8 labor in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Re-
9 gion of the People’s Republic of China do not
10 enter the United States market, and for other
11 purposes).

12 (2) Fifty percent of such amounts shall be used
13 by the Secretary of Agriculture to, pursuant to para-
14 graph (2) of the second sentence of section 32 of the
15 Act of August 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c), encourage
16 the domestic consumption of shrimp.

17 (d) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts in the Fund shall, not-
18 withstanding any other provision law, remain available
19 until expended.

20 (e) SUPPLEMENT, NOT SUPPLANT.—The funding
21 provided under subsection (c) to purchase shrimp shall
22 supplement (and not supplant) other Federal funding (in-
23 cluding funding made available under section 32 of the

1 Act of August 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c) to make such
2 purchases, if appropriate.

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