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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 31, 2025

Mr. SOTO (for himself, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. FROST, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, and Ms. WILSON of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## A BILL

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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 “Sinkhole Mapping Act  
5 of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. SINKHOLE HAZARD IDENTIFICATION.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the United States  
8 Geological Survey shall establish a program to—

1           (1) study the short-term and long-term mecha-  
2           nisms that cause sinkholes, including extreme storm  
3           events, prolonged droughts causing shifts in water  
4           management practices, aquifer depletion, and other  
5           major changes in water use; and

6           (2) develop maps that depict zones that are at  
7           greater risk of sinkhole formation.

8           (b) USE OF CERTAIN DATA.—In developing maps  
9           under subsection (a)(2), the Director of the United States  
10          Geological Survey shall utilize 3D elevation data (as that  
11          term is defined in section 2 of the National Landslide Pre-  
12          paredness Act (43 U.S.C. 3101)) collected pursuant to  
13          section 5 of that Act (43 U.S.C. 3104).

14          (c) REVIEW OF MAPS.—Once during each 5-year pe-  
15          riod, or more often as the Director of the United States  
16          Geological Survey determines is necessary, the Director  
17          shall assess the need to revise and update the maps devel-  
18          oped under this section.

19          (d) WEBSITE.—The Director of the United States  
20          Geological Survey shall establish and maintain a public  
21          website that displays the maps developed under this sec-  
22          tion and other relevant information critical for use by com-  
23          munity planners and emergency managers.

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