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# S. 2465

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. COTTON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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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 “Cormorant Relief Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE TAKING OF DOU-**  
6 **BLE-CRESTED CORMORANTS.**

7 (a) FORCE AND EFFECT.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b),  
9 sections 21.47 and 21.48 of title 50, Code of Fed-

1       eral Regulations (as in effect on January 1, 2016),  
2       shall have the force and effect of law.

3               (2) PUBLIC NOTICE.—The Secretary of the In-  
4       terior, acting through the Director of the United  
5       States Fish and Wildlife Service (referred to in this  
6       section as the “Secretary”), shall notify the public of  
7       the authority provided by paragraph (1) in a manner  
8       determined to be appropriate by the Secretary.

9               (b) SUNSET.—The authority provided by subsection  
10      (a)(1) shall terminate on the effective date of a regulation  
11      promulgated by the Secretary after the date of enactment  
12      of this Act to control depredation of double-crested cor-  
13      morant populations.

14              (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
15      tion limits the authority of the Secretary to promulgate  
16      regulations relating to the taking of double-crested cor-  
17      morants under any other law.

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