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118TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 5099

[Report No. 118–295]

To prescribe requirements relating to the management of the Federal property commonly known as Plum Island, New York, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MURPHY, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

DECEMBER 16, 2024

Reported by Mr. PETERS, with an amendment

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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 “~~Plum Island Preserva-~~  
5 ~~tion Act~~”.

1 **SEC. 2. PERMANENT PRESERVATION OF PLUM ISLAND,**  
2 **NEW YORK.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Federal property commonly  
4 known as Plum Island, New York, shall be protected in  
5 perpetuity for the purpose of ecological conservation, his-  
6 torical preservation, and the discovery and celebration of  
7 the shared cultural heritage of the Island.

8 (b) **REQUIREMENT.**—Not later than 180 days after  
9 the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of  
10 General Services (referred to in this section as the “Ad-  
11 ministrator”), in consultation with relevant Federal and  
12 State agencies and other relevant stakeholders, shall ini-  
13 tiate a process to create a plan for the management of  
14 the Federal property commonly known as Plum Island,  
15 New York, in accordance with subsection (a).

16 (c) **REPORTS.**—Not later than 2 years after the date  
17 on which the Administrator, in consultation with relevant  
18 Federal and State agencies and other relevant stake-  
19 holders, initiates the process required under subsection  
20 (b), and each year thereafter until the date that is 1 year  
21 after the date on which the plan required under that sub-  
22 section is completed, the Administrator shall submit to the  
23 Committees on Homeland Security and Governmental Af-  
24 fairs and Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and  
25 the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Natural Re-

1 sources, and Oversight and Accountability of the House  
2 of Representatives a report that describes—

3           (1) the stakeholders consulted during that proe-  
4           ess;

5           (2) the items discussed or reviewed during that  
6           process for the period covered by the applicable re-  
7           port;

8           (3) the outcomes of that process, or expected  
9           outcomes if the process is ongoing;

10          (4) if that process is not completed, the esti-  
11          mated timeline for completion; and

12          (5) if that process is completed, the rec-  
13          ommended plan for management of the Federal  
14          property commonly known as Plum Island, New  
15          York, in accordance with subsection (a).

16 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

17           *This Act may be cited as the “Plum Island Preserva-*  
18 *tion Act”.*

19 **SEC. 2. PERMANENT PRESERVATION OF PLUM ISLAND, NEW**  
20 **YORK.**

21           (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The consolidated Federal asset com-*  
22 *monly known as Plum Island, New York, and all associated*  
23 *real and personal properties, including the Orient Point,*  
24 *New York, terminal and facilities (referred to in this section*

1 as “Plum Island”), shall be protected in perpetuity for the  
2 purposes of—

3 (1) ecological conservation;

4 (2) discovery and celebration of the historical  
5 and cultural heritage of Plum Island; and

6 (3) maintaining access to Plum Island.

7 (b) *REQUIREMENT.*—Not later than 180 days after the  
8 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of General  
9 Services (referred to in this section as the “Administrator”),  
10 in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security,  
11 the Secretary of the Interior, relevant Federal and State  
12 agencies, Tribal governments, and other stakeholders, shall  
13 initiate a process to commence formal visioning sessions  
14 that may form the basis for a future ecological management  
15 plan for Plum Island in accordance with subsection (a).

16 (c) *REPORTS.*—Not later than 2 years after the date  
17 on which the Administrator, in consultation with the Sec-  
18 retary of Homeland Security, the Secretary of the Interior,  
19 relevant Federal and State agencies, Tribal governments,  
20 and other stakeholders, initiates the process required under  
21 subsection (b), and each year thereafter until the date that  
22 is 1 year after the date on which the visioning sessions re-  
23 quired under that subsection are completed, the Adminis-  
24 trator shall submit to the Committees on Homeland Secu-  
25 rity and Governmental Affairs and Energy and Natural

1 *Resources of the Senate and the Committees on Energy and*  
2 *Commerce, Natural Resources, and Oversight and Account-*  
3 *ability of the House of Representatives a report that de-*  
4 *scribes—*

5           (1) *the Federal and State agencies, Tribal gov-*  
6 *ernments, and other stakeholders consulted during*  
7 *those visioning sessions;*

8           (2) *the items discussed or reviewed during that*  
9 *process for the period covered by the applicable report;*

10           (3) *the outcomes of that process, or expected out-*  
11 *comes if the process is ongoing;*

12           (4) *if that process is not completed, the estimated*  
13 *timeline for completion; and*

14           (5) *if that process is completed, the recommenda-*  
15 *tions from those visioning sessions that may form the*  
16 *basis for a future ecological management plan for*  
17 *Plum Island.*

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