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S. 788

To amend the Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2013 to allow States to issue fully electronic stamps under that Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 14, 2023

Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARSHALL, and Mr. KING) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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 “Duck Stamp Mod-
5 ernization Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZING FULLY ELECTRONIC STAMPS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5 of the Permanent Elec-
8 tronic Duck Stamp Act of 2013 (16 U.S.C. 718r) is
9 amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)—

2 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking
3 “ACTUAL STAMP” and inserting “ELECTRONIC
4 STAMP”;

5 (B) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
6 by striking “an actual stamp” and inserting
7 “the electronic stamp”; and

8 (C) by striking paragraph (1) and insert-
9 ing the following:

10 “(1) on the date of purchase of the electronic
11 stamp; and”;

12 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “actual
13 stamps” and inserting “actual stamps under sub-
14 section (e)”;

15 (3) by redesignating subsection (e) as sub-
16 section (f); and

17 (4) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-
18 lowing:

19 “(e) DELIVERY OF ACTUAL STAMPS.—The Secretary
20 shall issue an actual stamp after March 10 of each hunt-
21 ing year (as defined in section 10(b) of the Migratory Bird
22 Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act (16 U.S.C.
23 718j(b))) to each individual that purchased an electronic
24 stamp from a State pursuant to this Act during that hunt-
25 ing year (as so defined).”.

1 (b) CONTENTS OF ELECTRONIC STAMP.—Section 2
2 of the Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2013 (16
3 U.S.C. 718o) is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “Federal” and
5 all that follows through “that is printed” and insert-
6 ing “Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation
7 Stamp required under the Migratory Bird Hunting
8 and Conservation Stamp Act (16 U.S.C. 718a et
9 seq.) that is printed”; and

10 (2) in paragraph (3)—

11 (A) in subparagraph (D), by striking
12 “and” at the end;

13 (B) in subparagraph (E), by striking the
14 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

15 (C) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(F) may contain an image of the actual
17 stamp.”.

18 (c) STAMP VALID THROUGH CLOSE OF HUNTING
19 SEASON.—Section 6 of the Permanent Electronic Duck
20 Stamp Act of 2013 (16 U.S.C. 718s) is amended—

21 (1) in subsection (b), in the matter preceding
22 paragraph (1), by striking “shall, during the effec-
23 tive period of the electronic stamp—” and inserting
24 “shall—”; and

1 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “for a period
2 agreed to by the State and the Secretary, which
3 shall not exceed 45 days” and inserting “through
4 the first June 30 that occurs after the date of
5 issuance of the electronic stamp by the State”.

6 (d) ELECTRONIC STAMPS AS PERMIT.—Section
7 1(a)(1) of the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation
8 Stamp Act (16 U.S.C. 718a(a)(1)) is amended—

9 (1) by inserting “as an electronic stamp (as de-
10 fined in section 2 of the Permanent Electronic Duck
11 Stamp Act of 2013 (16 U.S.C. 718o)) or” after
12 “Conservation Stamp,”; and

13 (2) by striking “face of the stamp” and insert-
14 ing “face of the actual stamp (as defined in that sec-
15 tion)”.

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