117TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H.R. 9135

To amend the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act to make improvements to that Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 4, 2022

Mr. KIND (for himself and Ms. SALAZAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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 "Migratory Birds of
- 5 the Americas Conservation Enhancements Act of 2022".
- 6 SEC. 2. NEOTROPICAL MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION
- 7 ACT AMENDMENTS.
- 8 (a) Federal Share.—Section 5(e)(1) of the
- 9 Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C.

- 1 6104(e)(1)) is amended by striking "25 percent" and in-
- 2 serting "50 percent".
- 3 (b) Cooperation.—Section 7 of the Neotropical Mi-
- 4 gratory Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 6106) is
- 5 amended by adding at the end the following:
- 6 "(c) Report to Congress.—Not later than 180
- 7 days after the date of enactment of the Migratory Birds
- 8 of the Americas Conservation Enhancements Act of 2022,
- 9 the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Environ-
- 10 ment and Public Works of the Senate and the Committee
- 11 on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives a
- 12 report describing the implementation of subsection (b) by
- 13 the Secretary, which shall include, if applicable, a descrip-
- 14 tion of the composition of the advisory group convened
- 15 under paragraph (1) of that subsection.".
- 16 (c) Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation
- 17 Fund Administrative Expenses.—Section 9(c)(2) of
- 18 the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16
- 19 U.S.C. 6108(c)(2)) is amended by striking "3 percent or
- 20 up to \$100,000" and inserting "5 percent or up to
- 21 \$300,000".
- 22 (d) Authorization of Appropriations.—Section
- 23 10 of the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act
- 24 (16 U.S.C. 6109) is amended by striking subsection (a)
- 25 and inserting the following:

1	"(a) In General.—There are authorized to be ap-
2	propriated to carry out this Act—
3	"(1) for fiscal year 2023, \$20,000,000;
4	"(2) for fiscal year 2024, \$21,250,000;
5	"(3) for fiscal year 2025, \$22,500,000;
6	"(4) for fiscal year 2026, \$23,750,000; and
7	"(5) for fiscal year 2027, \$25,000,000.".
8	(e) Technical Corrections.—
9	(1) Section 4 of the Neotropical Migratory Bird
10	Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 6103) is amended—
11	(A) by striking paragraph (1); and
12	(B) by redesignating paragraphs (2)
13	through (5) as paragraphs (1) through (4), re-
14	spectively.
15	(2) Section 7(b)(1) of the Neotropical Migra-
16	tory Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 6106(b)(1))
17	is amended, in the second sentence, by adding a pe-
18	riod at the end.