

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4768

To require the Secretary of the Army to initiate at least 5 projects to reduce the loss and degradation of Great Lakes coastal wetlands, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 28, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Ohio introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Detrimental Erosion
5 Forcing Enhanced Needs to Defend the Great Lakes Act”
6 or the “DEFEND the Great Lakes Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROJECTS TO PROTECT GREAT LAKES COASTAL**
2 **WETLANDS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the
4 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Army
5 shall initiate not less than 5 projects under section 206
6 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996 (33
7 U.S.C. 2330).

8 (b) PROJECT TYPE.—Each of the projects initiated
9 under subsection (a) shall be a project to reduce the risk
10 of loss and degradation of coastal wetlands along the
11 shorelines of the Great Lakes due to shoreline erosion
12 caused by high velocity waves and high water events.

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