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To amend the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998 to clarify that during a lapse in appropriations certain services relating to the Harmful Algal Bloom Operational Forecasting System are excepted services under the Anti-Deficiency Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 17, 2021

Mr. DONALDS (for himself, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. POSEY, Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio, Mr. CRIST, and Mr. STEUBE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Harmful Algal Bloom
3 Essential Forecasting Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATING CERTAIN HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOM**
5 **SERVICES AS EXCEPTED SERVICES UNDER**
6 **THE ANTI-DEFICIENCY ACT.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 603A of the Harmful
8 Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of
9 1998 is amended by adding at the end the following sub-
10 section:

11 “(j) ANTI-DEFICIENCY ACT APPLIED TO HARMFUL
12 ALGAL BLOOM SERVICES.—Any services by an officer or
13 employee under this chapter relating to web services and
14 server processing for the Harmful Algal Bloom Oper-
15 ational Forecast System of the National Centers for
16 Coastal Ocean Science and the National Oceanic and At-
17 mospheric Administration shall be deemed, for purposes
18 of section 1342 of title 31, United States Code, services
19 for emergencies involving the safety of human life or the
20 protection of property.”.

21 (b) APPLICATION.—The amendment made by sub-
22 section (a) shall apply to any lapse in appropriations be-
23 ginning on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

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