

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3962

AN ACT

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, and for other purposes.

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 “Enhancing Science,
3 Treatment, and Upkeep of America’s Resilient and Impor-
4 tant Estuarine Systems Act” or the “ESTUARIES Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM.**

6 Section 320 of the Federal Water Pollution Control
7 Act (33 U.S.C. 1330) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a)(2)(B), by striking “and
9 Pensacola and Perdido Bays, Florida” and inserting
10 “Pensacola and Perdido Bays, Florida; and Mis-
11 sissippi Sound, Mississippi”; and

12 (2) in subsection (i)(1), in the matter preceding
13 subparagraph (A), by striking “2026” and inserting
14 “2031”.

15 **SEC. 3. INELIGIBILITY WITH RESPECT TO FISCAL YEARS**
16 **2025 AND 2026.**

17 With respect to the amendment made by section 2(1),
18 the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agen-
19 cy may not use for the implementation of that amendment,
20 including, with respect to Mississippi Sound, Mississippi,
21 convening a management conference, developing or car-
22 rying out a comprehensive conservation and management
23 plan, or providing grants under section 320 of the Federal
24 Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1330)—

1 (1) any amounts appropriated to carry out the
2 national estuary program under that section for fis-
3 cal year 2025; or

4 (2) unless the total amount appropriated to
5 carry out that program for fiscal year 2026 is at
6 least \$850,000 more than the total amount appro-
7 priated to carry out that program for fiscal year
8 2024, any amounts appropriated to carry out that
9 program for fiscal year 2026.

Passed the House of Representatives December 15,
2025.

Attest:

Clerk.

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