

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3962

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 16, 2025

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and
Public Works

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)—

Passed the House of Representatives December 15,
2025.

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.