

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5852

To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate the Upper Raritan River Watershed in the State of New Jersey for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 28, 2025

Mr. KEAN (for himself and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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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 “Upper Raritan River
5 Watershed Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF UPPER RARITAN RIVER WATER-**
2 **SHED IN NEW JERSEY FOR STUDY FOR PO-**
3 **TENTIAL ADDITION TO NATIONAL WILD AND**
4 **SCENIC RIVERS SYSTEM.**

5 (a) DESIGNATION.—Section 5(a) of the Wild and
6 Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(a)) is amended by add-
7 ing at the end the following:

8 “(147) UPPER RARITAN RIVER WATERSHED,
9 NEW JERSEY.—The segments of the North Branch
10 Raritan River, the South Branch Raritan River, the
11 Black or Lamington River, and their tributaries,
12 within the Upper Raritan River watershed, includ-
13 ing, but not limited to, the following segments:

14 “(A) The North Branch Raritan River
15 from its headwaters to its confluence with the
16 South Branch Raritan River.

17 “(B) The South Branch Raritan River
18 from its headwaters to its confluence with the
19 North Branch Raritan River.

20 “(C) The Lamington-Black River from its
21 headwaters to its confluence with the North
22 Branch Raritan River.

23 “(D) All tributaries of the North Branch
24 Raritan River, South Branch Raritan River (in-
25 cluding those upstream of the Spruce Run Res-

1 ervoir), and Lamington-Black River within the
2 Upper Raritan River watershed.”.

3 (b) TIME FOR SUBMISSION.—Section 5(b) of the
4 Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(b)) is amend-
5 ed by adding at the end the following:

6 “(24) UPPER RARITAN RIVER WATERSHED,
7 NEW JERSEY.—Not later than 3 years after the date
8 on which funds are made available to carry out this
9 paragraph, the Secretary of the Interior shall—

10 “(A) complete the study of the Upper
11 Raritan River Watershed, New Jersey, named
12 in paragraph (147) of subsection (a); and

13 “(B) submit to the Committee on Energy
14 and Natural Resources of the Senate and the
15 Committee on Natural Resources of the House
16 of Representatives a report that describes the
17 results of the study.”.

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