

119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 7629

To amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act to treat the District of Columbia as a State for the purposes of such Acts, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 20, 2026

Ms. NORTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Natural Resources

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## 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 “Pittman-Robertson  
5 Wildlife Restoration Act and Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish  
6 Restoration Act District of Columbia Equality Act of  
7 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA UNDER**  
2 **PITTMAN-ROBERTSON WILDLIFE RESTORA-**  
3 **TION ACT AND DINGELL-JOHNSON SPORT**  
4 **FISH RESTORATION ACT.**

5 (a) PITTMAN-ROBERTSON WILDLIFE RESTORATION  
6 ACT.—The Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act  
7 (16 U.S.C. 669 et seq.) is amended—

8 (1) in section 2 (16 U.S.C. 669a)—

9 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (6)  
10 through (11) as paragraphs (7) through (12),  
11 respectively; and

12 (B) by inserting after paragraph (5) the  
13 following:

14 “(6) the term ‘State’ means each of the several  
15 States and the District of Columbia;”; and

16 (2) in section 4 (16 U.S.C. 669c)—

17 (A) in subsection (b), by striking “sev-  
18 eral”;

19 (B) in subsection (d)(1)(A), by striking  
20 “District of Columbia and to the Common-  
21 wealth of Puerto Rico, each” and inserting  
22 “Commonwealth of Puerto Rico;”; and

23 (C) in subsection (e)(5), by striking “the  
24 District of Columbia,”.

1 (b) DINGELL-JOHNSON SPORT FISH RESTORATION  
2 ACT.—The Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act  
3 (16 U.S.C. 777 et seq.) is amended—

4 (1) in section 2 (16 U.S.C. 777a)—

5 (A) by striking “and” at the end of para-  
6 graph (2);

7 (B) by striking the period at the end of  
8 paragraph (3) and inserting “; and”; and

9 (C) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(4) the term ‘State’ means each of the several  
11 States and the District of Columbia.”;

12 (2) in section 4(c)(1) (16 U.S.C. 777c(c)(1)),  
13 by striking “several”; and

14 (3) in section 12 (16 U.S.C. 777k)—

15 (A) in the first sentence—

16 (i) by striking “the Mayor of the Dis-  
17 trict of Columbia,”;

18 (ii) by striking “the District of Co-  
19 lumbia,”; and

20 (iii) by striking “for the District of  
21 Columbia one-third of 1 per centum,”; and

22 (B) in the second sentence, by striking  
23 “the District of Columbia,”.

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