

114TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 721

To amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to facilitate the establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 11, 2015

Mr. BENNET (for himself and Ms. HEITKAMP) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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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 “Target Practice and  
5 Marksmanship Training Support Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

7 The purpose of this Act is to facilitate the construc-  
8 tion and expansion of public target ranges, including

1 ranges on Federal land managed by the Forest Service  
2 and the Bureau of Land Management.

3 **SEC. 3. DEFINITION OF PUBLIC TARGET RANGE.**

4 In this Act, the term “public target range” means  
5 a specific location that—

6 (1) is identified by a governmental agency for  
7 recreational shooting;

8 (2) is open to the public;

9 (3) may be supervised; and

10 (4) may accommodate archery or rifle, pistol, or  
11 shotgun shooting.

12 **SEC. 4. AMENDMENTS TO PITTMAN-ROBERTSON WILDLIFE  
13 RESTORATION ACT.**

14 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 2 of the Pittman-Robert-  
15 son Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669a) is amend-  
16 ed—

17 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through  
18 (8) as paragraphs (3) through (9), respectively; and

19 (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-  
20 lowing:

21 “(2) the term ‘public target range’ means a  
22 specific location that—

23 “(A) is identified by a governmental agen-  
24 cy for recreational shooting;

25 “(B) is open to the public;

1 “(C) may be supervised; and

2 “(D) may accommodate archery or rifle,  
3 pistol, or shotgun shooting;”.

4 (b) EXPENDITURES FOR MANAGEMENT OF WILD-  
5 LIFE AREAS AND RESOURCES.—Section 8(b) of the Pitt-  
6 man-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C.  
7 669g(b)) is amended—

8 (1) by striking “(b) Each State” and inserting  
9 the following:

10 “(b) EXPENDITURES FOR MANAGEMENT OF WILD-  
11 LIFE AREAS AND RESOURCES.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
13 graph (2), each State”;

14 (2) in paragraph (1) (as so designated), by  
15 striking “construction, operation,” and inserting  
16 “operation”;

17 (3) in the second sentence, by striking “The  
18 non-Federal share” and inserting the following:

19 “(3) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The non-Federal  
20 share”;

21 (4) in the third sentence, by striking “The Sec-  
22 retary” and inserting the following:

23 “(4) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary”; and

24 (5) by inserting after paragraph (1) (as des-  
25 ignated by paragraph (1)) the following:

1           “(2) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding the limita-  
2           tion described in paragraph (1), a State may pay up  
3           to 90 percent of the cost of acquiring land for, ex-  
4           panding, or constructing a public target range.”.

5           (c) FIREARM AND BOW HUNTER EDUCATION AND  
6 SAFETY PROGRAM GRANTS.—Section 10 of the Pittman-  
7 Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669h–1)  
8 is amended—

9           (1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the  
10          following:

11          “(3) ALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS.—  
12          Of the amount apportioned to a State for any fiscal  
13          year under section 4(b), the State may elect to allo-  
14          cate not more than 10 percent, to be combined with  
15          the amount apportioned to the State under para-  
16          graph (1) for that fiscal year, for acquiring land for,  
17          expanding, or constructing a public target range.”;

18          (2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the  
19          following:

20          “(b) COST SHARING.—

21          “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
22          graph (2), the Federal share of the cost of any activ-  
23          ity carried out using a grant under this section shall  
24          not exceed 75 percent of the total cost of the activ-  
25          ity.

1           “(2) PUBLIC TARGET RANGE CONSTRUCTION OR  
2           EXPANSION.—The Federal share of the cost of ac-  
3           quiring land for, expanding, or constructing a public  
4           target range in a State on Federal or non-Federal  
5           land pursuant to this section or section 8(b) shall  
6           not exceed 90 percent of the cost of the activity.”;  
7           and

8           (3) in subsection (c)(1)—

9                   (A) by striking “Amounts made” and in-  
10                  serting the following:

11                          “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
12                          subparagraph (B), amounts made”; and

13                          (B) by adding at the end the following:

14                                  “(B) EXCEPTION.—Amounts provided for  
15                                  acquiring land for, constructing, or expanding a  
16                                  public target range shall remain available for  
17                                  expenditure and obligation during the 5-fiscal-  
18                                  year period beginning on October 1 of the first  
19                                  fiscal year for which the amounts are made  
20                                  available.”.

21 **SEC. 5. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING COOPERATION.**

22           It is the sense of Congress that, consistent with appli-  
23           cable laws (including regulations), the Chief of the Forest  
24           Service and the Director of the Bureau of Land Manage-  
25           ment should cooperate with State and local authorities and

1 other entities to carry out waste removal and other activi-  
2 ties on any Federal land used as a public target range  
3 to encourage continued use of that land for target practice  
4 or marksmanship training.

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