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# S. 2690

To amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to modernize the funding of wildlife conservation, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 16, 2016

Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mrs. FISCHER, 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 “Modernizing the Pitt-  
5 man-Robertson Fund for Tomorrow’s Needs Act of 2016”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

7 The first section of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife  
8 Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669) is amended by adding  
9 at the end the following: “One of the purposes of this Act

1 is to extend financial and technical assistance to the  
2 States for the promotion of hunting and recreational  
3 shooting.”.

4 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

5 Section 2 of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restora-  
6 tion Act (16 U.S.C. 669a) is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through  
8 (8) as paragraphs (4) through (10), respectively;  
9 and

10 (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-  
11 lowing:

12 “(2) the term ‘hunter recruitment and rec-  
13 reational shooter recruitment’ means any activity or  
14 project to recruit or retain hunters and recreational  
15 shooters, including by—

16 “(A) using social media, marketing, adver-  
17 tising, surveying, television spots, print, and  
18 media;

19 “(B) providing education, mentoring, and  
20 field demonstrations;

21 “(C) enhancing access for hunting and rec-  
22 reational shooting, including through range con-  
23 struction;

1           “(D) providing education to the public  
2           about the role of hunting and recreational  
3           shooting in funding wildlife conservation; and

4           “(E) using any other means to ensure the  
5           growth of hunting and recreational shooting, as  
6           determined by the Secretary;

7           “(3) the term ‘fiscal year’ means a period of 12  
8           consecutive months beginning on October 1 and end-  
9           ing on the succeeding September 30, except that the  
10          period for enumeration of paid hunting-license hold-  
11          ers means the fiscal year or license year of the  
12          State;”.

13 **SEC. 4. ALLOCATION AND APPORTIONMENT OF AVAILABLE**  
14 **AMOUNTS.**

15          (a) APPORTIONMENT TO STATES.—Section 4(b) of  
16 the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (16  
17 U.S.C. 669c(b)) is amended—

18           (1) in the first sentence, by striking “The Sec-  
19          retary of the Interior” and inserting the following:

20           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary”;

21           (2) in the second sentence, by striking “Such  
22          apportionments” and inserting the following:

23           “(2) ADJUSTMENTS.—The apportionments de-  
24          scribed in paragraph (1)”;

25           (3) by striking the third sentence; and

1 (4) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(3) USE OF FUNDS.—

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-  
4 graph (B), amounts apportioned under this  
5 subsection may be used for hunter recruitment  
6 and recreational shooter recruitment.

7 “(B) LIMITATION.—A State may only  
8 make an expenditure under subparagraph (A) if  
9 the amount of the expenditure during the fiscal  
10 year in which the expenditure is made plus the  
11 amount of the expenditures for hunter recruit-  
12 ment and recreational shooter recruitment  
13 made during the 4 fiscal years preceding that  
14 fiscal year is equal to or less than 25 percent  
15 of the total amount apportioned to the State  
16 under this subsection during that 5-fiscal-year  
17 period.”.

18 (b) APPORTIONMENT OF CERTAIN TAXES.—Section  
19 4(c) of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act  
20 (16 U.S.C. 669c(e)) is amended—

21 (1) in the first sentence—

22 (A) by striking “One-half” and inserting  
23 the following:

24 “(1) APPORTIONMENT OF CERTAIN TAXES.—

1           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-  
2 graph (B), 1/2”; and

3           (B) by striking “*Provided*, That each  
4 State” and inserting the following:

5           “(B) CONDITION.—The apportionment  
6 made under subparagraph (A) shall be subject  
7 to the condition that each State”;

8           (2) in subparagraph (A) (as so designated), by  
9 striking “States:” and inserting “States.”;

10           (3) in subparagraph (B) (as so designated), by  
11 striking “For the purpose” and inserting the fol-  
12 lowing:

13           “(2) POPULATION DETERMINATION.—For the  
14 purpose”; and

15           (4) by adding at the end the following:

16           “(3) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts apportioned  
17 under this subsection may be used for hunter re-  
18 cruitment and recreational shooter recruitment.”.

19 **SEC. 5. EXPENDITURES FOR MANAGEMENT OF WILDLIFE**  
20 **AREAS AND RESOURCES.**

21           Section 8 of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restora-  
22 tion Act (16 U.S.C. 669g) is amended—

23           (1) in subsection (a), in the third sentence, by  
24 striking “and public relations”; and

1           (2) in subsection (b), in the first sentence, by  
2           striking “, as a part of such program”.

3 **SEC. 6. FIREARM AND BOW HUNTER EDUCATION AND SAFE-**  
4 **TY PROGRAM GRANTS.**

5           Section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Pittman-Robertson Wild-  
6 life Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669h-1(a)(1)(A)) is  
7 amended—

8           (1) in clause (iii), by striking “and” at the end;  
9           and

10           (2) by adding at the end the following:

11                         “(v) the enhancement of hunter re-  
12                         cruitment and recreational shooter recruit-  
13                         ment; and”.

14 **SEC. 7. MULTISTATE CONSERVATION GRANT PROGRAM.**

15           Section 11 of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Res-  
16 toration Act (16 U.S.C. 669h-2) is amended—

17           (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

18                         (A) by striking “Not more than” and in-  
19                         serting the following:

20                                 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not more than”; and

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

22   “(B) AVAILABILITY FOR HUNTER AND  
23   RECREATIONAL SHOOTER GRANTS.—Not more  
24   than \$5,000,000 of the revenues covered into  
25   the fund from any tax imposed under section

1           4161(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986  
2           for a fiscal year shall be available to the Sec-  
3           retary exclusively for making hunter recruit-  
4           ment and recreational shooter recruitment  
5           grants that promote a national hunting and  
6           shooting sport recruitment program, including  
7           related communication and outreach activi-  
8           ties.”;

9           (2) in subsection (b)(3), in the matter pre-  
10          ceding subparagraph (A), by striking “Inter-  
11          national”;

12          (3) in subsection (c)(2)(A)(i), by inserting “or  
13          to recreational shooting activities” after “wildlife”;  
14          and

15          (4) in subsection (d), by inserting “or to rec-  
16          reational shooting activities” after “wildlife”.

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