

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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To amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to approve the wildlife conservation and restoration program of a State within a certain period of time, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. SCOTT of Florida introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Make State Wildlife
5 Action Plans Efficient Act of 2026” or the “Make SWAPs
6 Efficient Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. TIMING OF APPROVAL OF WILDLIFE CONSERVA-**
2 **TION AND RESTORATION PROGRAM.**

3 Section 4(e)(3) of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife
4 Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669c(e)(3)) is amended—

5 (1) by striking the paragraph designation and
6 all that follows through “If the Secretary” and in-
7 serting the following:

8 “(3) APPROVAL.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary”;

10 (2) in subparagraph (A) (as so designated)—

11 (A) by inserting “, not later than 180 days
12 after the date on which the State submitted the
13 comprehensive plan,” after “, the Secretary”;
14 and

15 (B) by striking “, as redesignated”; and

16 (3) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(B) IMPLEMENTATION; SET ASIDE OF
18 AMOUNTS.—On submission of a comprehensive
19 plan by a State under paragraph (1), the Sec-
20 retary shall—

21 “(i) conditionally authorize the imple-
22 mentation of the wildlife conservation and
23 restoration program of the State; and

24 “(ii) set aside the amounts described
25 in subparagraph (A).

1 “(C) DEVELOPMENT OF PROCESS.—The
2 Secretary, in consultation with the States, shall
3 develop a process to ensure—

4 “(i) the sufficient and timely review of
5 comprehensive plans submitted by States
6 under paragraph (1); and

7 “(ii) the final approval of the wildlife
8 conservation and restoration program of
9 such States not later than 180 days after
10 the date on which a State submits a com-
11 prehensive plan.

12 “(D) INTENT OF CONGRESS.—It is the in-
13 tent of Congress that the Secretary shall
14 prioritize—

15 “(i) the timely review of comprehen-
16 sive plans submitted by States under para-
17 graph (1); and

18 “(ii) the approval of the wildlife con-
19 servation and restoration programs of such
20 States.

21 “(E) SUBMISSIONS TO CONGRESS.—Not
22 later than June 1 of the year immediately fol-
23 lowing the year in which a State submits a
24 comprehensive plan under paragraph (1), if the
25 Secretary does not approve the wildlife con-

1 servation and restoration program of the State
2 under subparagraph (A) within the period of
3 time described in that subparagraph, the Sec-
4 retary shall submit to the Chair and Ranking
5 Member of the Committee on Environment and
6 Public Works of the Senate and the Committee
7 on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-
8 resentatives a report relating to the status of
9 such comprehensive plan, including the reason
10 why the wildlife conservation and restoration
11 program was not approved.”.