

105TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 4337

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 27, 1998

Mr. GILCHREST introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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. NUTRIA ERADICATION AND CONTROL PILOT**  
4 **PROGRAM.**

5 (a) GRANT AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of the Inte-  
6 rior (in this section referred to as the “Secretary”), sub-  
7 ject to the availability of appropriations, may provide fi-  
8 nancial assistance to the State of Maryland for a pilot pro-

1 gram to develop measures to eradicate or control nutria  
2 and restore marshland damaged by nutria.

3 (b) GOALS.—The pilot program shall develop meth-  
4 ods to—

5 (1) eradicate nutria in Maryland;

6 (2) eradicate or control nutria in other States;

7 and

8 (3) develop methods to restore marshland dam-  
9 aged by nutria.

10 (c) ACTIVITIES.—The Secretary shall require that the  
11 pilot program consist of management, research, and public  
12 education activities carried out in accordance with the doc-  
13 ument entitled “Marsh Restoration: Nutria Control in  
14 Maryland Pilot Program Proposal”, dated July 10, 1998.

15 (d) COST SHARING.—

16 (1) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of  
17 the costs of the pilot program may not exceed 75  
18 percent of the total costs of the pilot program.

19 (2) IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS.—The non-Fed-  
20 eral share of the costs of the pilot program may be  
21 provided in the form of in-kind contributions of ma-  
22 terials or services.

23 (e) LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—  
24 Not more than 10 percent of financial assistance provided

1 by the Secretary under this section may be used for ad-  
2 ministrative expenses.

3 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For fi-  
4 nancial assistance under this section, there are authorized  
5 to be appropriated to the Secretary \$2,900,000 for fiscal  
6 years 2000, 2001, and 2002.

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