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S. 3555

To establish a pilot program to provide for the preservation and rehabilitation of historic lighthouses.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 24 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 17), 2008

Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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 “National Lighthouse
5 Stewardship Act of 2008”.

6 **SEC. 2. FUNDING FOR HISTORIC LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVA-**
7 **TION.**

8 Title III of the National Historic Preservation Act
9 (16 U.S.C. 470w et seq.) is amended by adding at the
10 end the following:

1 **“SEC. 310. NATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE STEWARDSHIP PILOT**
2 **PROGRAM.**

3 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 “(1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-
5 tity’ means a State, unit of local government, or
6 nonprofit organization that—

7 “(A) provides financial assistance and
8 grants to local governmental units and non-
9 profit organizations to preserve and maintain
10 historic lighthouse structures;

11 “(B) owns a lighthouse that is listed or eli-
12 gible for listing on the National Register; or

13 “(C) has a right to maintain and rehabili-
14 tate a lighthouse described in subparagraph (B)
15 that is owned by the Federal Government.

16 “(2) FUND.—The term ‘Fund’ means the Na-
17 tional Lighthouse Stewardship Fund established by
18 subsection (c)(1).

19 “(b) LIGHTHOUSE STEWARDSHIP PILOT PRO-
20 GRAM.—

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall estab-
22 lish a 3-year pilot program under which the Sec-
23 retary shall use amounts made available under sub-
24 section (c)(3) to provide grants to eligible entities to
25 preserve and rehabilitate historic lighthouse struc-
26 tures.

1 “(2) DISTRIBUTION TO ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—

2 “(A) APPLICATION.—To be eligible for a
3 grant under this subsection, an eligible entity
4 shall submit to the Secretary an application at
5 such time, in such form and manner, and in-
6 cluding such information as the Secretary may
7 require.

8 “(B) APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL.—Based
9 on criteria established by the Secretary, the
10 Secretary shall approve or disapprove an appli-
11 cation submitted under subparagraph (A).

12 “(C) AVAILABILITY OF GRANT FUNDS.—

13 “(i) IN GENERAL.—On approval of an
14 application under subparagraph (B), the
15 Secretary shall make the grant funds avail-
16 able to the eligible entity.

17 “(ii) USE OF EXISTING FUNDS.—To
18 the maximum extent practicable, the Sec-
19 retary shall provide funding through exist-
20 ing lighthouse grant programs adminis-
21 tered by State governments.

22 “(c) NATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE STEWARDSHIP
23 FUND.—

24 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in
25 the Treasury of the United States a fund, to be

1 known as the ‘National Lighthouse Stewardship
2 Fund’, consisting of such amounts as are appro-
3 priated to the Fund under paragraph (2).

4 “(2) TRANSFERS TO FUND.—There are appro-
5 priated to the Fund, out of funds of the Treasury
6 not otherwise appropriated, amounts equivalent to
7 amounts collected as taxes and received in the
8 Treasury under section 60301 of title 46, United
9 States Code, but not more than \$20,000,000 for any
10 1 fiscal year.

11 “(3) USE OF FUND.—The Secretary of the
12 Treasury shall transfer amounts deposited in the
13 Fund for each fiscal year to the Secretary to provide
14 grants to eligible entities in States based on the
15 ratio that—

16 “(A) the total number of lighthouses in the
17 State; bears to

18 “(B) the total number of lighthouses in the
19 Inventory of Historic Light Stations prepared
20 by the Secretary.

21 “(4) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts in the Fund
22 shall remain available until expended, without fiscal
23 year limitation.”.

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