

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO S. 756
OFFERED BY MR. HUNTER OF CALIFORNIA

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Save Our Seas Act
3 of 2018”.

4 SEC. 2. NOAA MARINE DEBRIS PROGRAM.

5 Section 3 of the Marine Debris Act (33 U.S.C. 1952)
6 is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (b)—

8 (A) in paragraph (4), by striking “; and”
9 and inserting a semicolon;

10 (B) in paragraph (5)(C), by striking the
11 period at the end and inserting a semicolon;
12 and

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

14 “(6) work to develop outreach and education
15 strategies with other Federal agencies to address
16 sources of marine debris;

17 “(7) except for discharges of marine debris
18 from vessels, in consultation with the Department of

1 State and other Federal agencies, promote inter-
2 national action, as appropriate, to reduce the inci-
3 dence of marine debris, including providing technical
4 assistance to expand waste management systems
5 internationally; and

6 “(8) in the case of an event determined to be
7 a severe marine debris event under subsection (c)—

8 “(A) assist in the cleanup and response re-
9 quired by the severe marine debris event; or

10 “(B) conduct such other activity as the
11 Administrator determines is appropriate in re-
12 sponse to the severe marine debris event.”;

13 (2) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
14 section (d);

15 (3) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
16 lowing:

17 “(c) DETERMINATION OF SEVERE MARINE DEBRIS
18 EVENTS.—At the discretion of the Administrator or at the
19 request of the Governor of an affected State, the Adminis-
20 trator shall determine whether there is a severe marine
21 debris event.”; and

22 (4) in subsection (d), as so redesignated—

23 (A) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “sub-
24 paragraph (B)” and inserting “subparagraphs
25 (B) and (C)”;

1 (B) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “may
2 waive all or part of the matching requirement
3 under subparagraph (A)” and inserting “may
4 reduce the non-Federal share of project costs
5 under subparagraph (A) by up to 50 percent”;
6 and

7 (C) by adding at the end of paragraph (2)
8 the following:

9 “(C) SEVERE MARINE DEBRIS EVENTS.—
10 Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), the Federal
11 share of the cost of an activity carried out
12 under a determination made under subsection
13 (c) shall be—

14 “(i) 100 percent of the cost of the ac-
15 tivity, for an activity funded wholly by
16 funds made available by a person, includ-
17 ing the government of a foreign country, to
18 the Federal Government for the purpose of
19 responding to a severe marine debris event;
20 or

21 “(ii) 75 percent of the cost of the ac-
22 tivity, for any activity other than an activ-
23 ity funded as described in clause (i).”.

1 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON INTERNATIONAL ENGAGE-**
2 **MENT TO RESPOND TO MARINE DEBRIS.**

3 It is the sense of Congress that the President
4 should—

5 (1) support research and development on sys-
6 tems and materials that reduce—

7 (A) derelict fishing gear; and

8 (B) the amount of solid waste that is gen-
9 erated from land-based sources. and the amount
10 of such waste that enters the marine environ-
11 ment;

12 (2) work with representatives of foreign coun-
13 tries that discharge the largest amounts of solid
14 waste from land-based sources into the marine envi-
15 ronment, to develop mechanisms to reduce such dis-
16 charges;

17 (3) carry out studies to determine—

18 (A) the primary means of discharges re-
19 ferred to in paragraph (2);

20 (B) the manner in which waste manage-
21 ment infrastructure can be most effective in
22 preventing such discharges; and

23 (C) the long-term impacts of marine debris
24 on the national economies of the countries with
25 which work is undertaken under paragraph (2)

1 and on the global economy, including the im-
2 pacts of reducing the discharge of such debris;
3 (4) work with representatives of the countries
4 with which work is undertaken in paragraph (2) to
5 conclude one or more new international agreements
6 that include provisions—

7 (A) to mitigate the discharge of land-based
8 solid waste into the marine environment; and

9 (B) to provide technical assistance and in-
10 vestment in waste management infrastructure
11 to reduce such discharges, if the President de-
12 termines such assistance or investment is ap-
13 propriate; and

14 (5) encourage the United States Trade Rep-
15 resentative to consider the impact of discharges of
16 land-based solid waste from the countries with which
17 work is conducted under paragraph (2) in relevant
18 future trade agreements.

19 **SEC. 4. MEMBERSHIP OF THE INTERAGENCY MARINE DE-**
20 **BRIS COORDINATING COMMITTEE.**

21 Section 5(b) of the Marine Debris Act (33 U.S.C.
22 1954(b)) is amended—

23 (1) in paragraph (4), by striking “; and” and
24 inserting a semicolon;

1 (2) by redesignating paragraph (5) as para-
2 graph (7); and

3 (3) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(5) the Department of State;

6 “(6) the Department of the Interior; and”.

7 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

8 Section 9 of the Marine Debris Act (33 U.S.C. 1958)
9 is amended to read as follows:

10 **“SEC. 9. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appro-
12 priated to the Administrator \$10,000,000 for each of fis-
13 cal years 2018 through 2022 for carrying out sections 3,
14 5, and 6, of which not more than 5 percent is authorized
15 for each fiscal year for administrative costs.

16 “(b) AMOUNTS AUTHORIZED FOR COAST GUARD.—
17 Of the amounts authorized for each fiscal year under sec-
18 tion 2702(1) of title 14, United States Code, up to
19 \$2,000,000 is authorized for the Secretary of the depart-
20 ment in which the Coast Guard is operating for use by
21 the Commandant of the Coast Guard to carry out section
22 4 of this Act, of which not more than 5 percent is author-
23 ized for each fiscal year for administrative costs.”.

