

117TH CONGRESS
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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. COTTON (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, and Mr. TUBERVILLE) 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 “Cormorant Relief Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE TAKING OF DOU-**
6 **BLE-CRESTED CORMORANTS.**

7 (a) FORCE AND EFFECT.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b),
9 sections 21.47 and 21.48 of title 50, Code of Fed-

1 eral Regulations (as in effect on January 1, 2016),
2 shall have the force and effect of law.

3 (2) PUBLIC NOTICE.—The Secretary of the In-
4 terior, acting through the Director of the United
5 States Fish and Wildlife Service (referred to in this
6 section as the “Secretary”), shall notify the public of
7 the authority provided by paragraph (1) in a manner
8 determined to be appropriate by the Secretary.

9 (b) SUNSET.—The authority provided by subsection
10 (a)(1) shall terminate on the effective date of a regulation
11 promulgated by the Secretary after the date of enactment
12 of this Act to control depredation of double-crested cor-
13 morant populations.

14 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
15 tion limits the authority of the Secretary to promulgate
16 regulations relating to the taking of double-crested cor-
17 morants under any other law.