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To amend the National Dam Safety Program Act to identify and ensure the safety of dams in need of repair and rehabilitation, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York (for himself and Mr. GIBSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Dam Safety Act of
5 2013”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

7 The purpose of this Act is to reduce the risks to life
8 and property from dam failure in the United States
9 through the reauthorization of an effective national dam

1 safety program that brings together the expertise and re-
2 sources of Federal and non-Federal communities in
3 achieving national dam safety hazard reduction.

4 **SEC. 3. AMENDMENTS TO NATIONAL DAM SAFETY PRO-**
5 **GRAM ACT.**

6 (a) ADMINISTRATOR.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The National Dam Safety
8 Program Act (33 U.S.C. 467 et seq.) is amended by
9 striking “Director” each place it appears and insert-
10 ing “Administrator”.

11 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 2(3)
12 of such Act (33 U.S.C. 467(3)) is amended in the
13 paragraph heading by striking “DIRECTOR” and in-
14 serting “ADMINISTRATOR”.

15 (b) INSPECTION OF DAMS.—Section 3(b)(1) of such
16 Act (33 U.S.C. 467a(b)(1)) is amended by striking “or
17 maintenance” and inserting “maintenance, condition, or
18 provision for emergency operations”.

19 (c) NATIONAL DAM SAFETY PROGRAM.—

20 (1) OBJECTIVES.—Section 8(c)(4) of such Act
21 (33 U.S.C. 467f(c)(4)) is amended to read as fol-
22 lows:

23 “(4) develop and implement a comprehensive
24 dam safety hazard education and public awareness
25 program to assist the public in mitigating against,

1 preparing for, responding to, and recovering from
2 dam incidents;”.

3 (2) BOARD.—Section 8(f)(4) of such Act (33
4 U.S.C. 467f(f)(4)) is amended by inserting “, rep-
5 resentatives from nongovernmental organizations,”
6 after “State agencies”.

7 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

8 (1) NATIONAL DAM SAFETY PROGRAM.—

9 (A) ANNUAL AMOUNTS.—Section 13(a)(1)
10 of such Act (33 U.S.C. 467j(a)(1)) is amended
11 by striking “\$6,500,000 for fiscal year 2007,
12 \$7,100,000 for fiscal year 2008, \$7,600,000 for
13 fiscal year 2009, \$8,300,000 for fiscal year
14 2010, and \$9,200,000 for fiscal year 2011” and
15 inserting “\$8,024,000 for each of fiscal years
16 2013 through 2016”.

17 (B) MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF ALLOCATION.—

18 (i) IN GENERAL.—Section 13(a)(2)(B)
19 of such Act (33 U.S.C. 467j(a)(2)(B)) is
20 amended by striking “50 percent of the
21 reasonable cost of implementing the State
22 dam safety program” and inserting “the
23 amount of funds committed by the State to
24 implement dam safety program activities”.

1 (ii) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment
2 made by clause (i) shall apply to fiscal year
3 2013 and each fiscal year thereafter.

4 (2) NATIONAL DAM INVENTORY.—Section 13(b)
5 of such Act (33 U.S.C. 467j(b)) is amended by
6 striking “\$650,000 for fiscal year 2007, \$700,000
7 for fiscal year 2008, \$750,000 for fiscal year 2009,
8 \$800,000 for fiscal year 2010, and \$850,000 for fis-
9 cal year 2011” and inserting “\$383,000 for each of
10 fiscal years 2013 through 2016”.

11 (3) RESEARCH.—Section 13(c) of such Act (33
12 U.S.C. 467j(c)) is amended by striking “\$1,600,000
13 for fiscal year 2007, \$1,700,000 for fiscal year
14 2008, \$1,800,000 for fiscal year 2009, \$1,900,000
15 for fiscal year 2010, and \$2,000,000 for fiscal year
16 2011” and inserting “\$1,000,000 for each of fiscal
17 years 2013 through 2016”.

18 (4) DAM SAFETY TRAINING.—Section 13(d) of
19 such Act (33 U.S.C. 467j(d)) is amended by striking
20 “\$550,000 for fiscal year 2007, \$600,000 for fiscal
21 year 2008, \$650,000 for fiscal year 2009, \$700,000
22 for fiscal year 2010, and \$750,000 for fiscal year
23 2011” and inserting “\$750,000 for each of fiscal
24 years 2013 through 2016”.

1 (5) STAFF.—Section 13(e) of such Act (33
2 U.S.C. 467j(e)) is amended by striking “\$700,000
3 for fiscal year 2007, \$800,000 for fiscal year 2008,
4 \$900,000 for fiscal year 2009, \$1,000,000 for fiscal
5 year 2010, and \$1,100,000 for fiscal year 2011”
6 and inserting “\$436,000 for each of fiscal years
7 2013 through 2016”.

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