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S. 2899

To remove Federal barriers to combating mosquito-borne transmission of the Zika virus and promote public health, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 28, 2016

Mr. THUNE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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 “Zika Response and
5 Regulatory Relief Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REMOVING BARRIERS TO COMBATING MOSQUITO-**
7 **BORNE TRANSMISSION OF ZIKA VIRUS.**

8 Section 402 of the Federal Water Pollution Control
9 Act (33 U.S.C. 1342) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (b), by striking “(b) At any
2 time” and inserting the following:

3 “(b) STATE PERMIT PROGRAMS.—Subject to sub-
4 section (s)(3), at any time”; and

5 (2) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(s) MOSQUITO CONTROL WAIVER.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall
8 waive the permit requirement under this section for
9 180 days for the purpose of public health pesticide
10 applications of a mosquito control program.

11 “(2) EXISTING PERMITS.—In the case of a per-
12 mit issued by the Administrator before the date of
13 enactment of the Zika Response and Regulatory Re-
14 lief Act for the purpose of public health pesticide ap-
15 plications of a mosquito control program, the Ad-
16 ministrator shall waive the reporting requirements
17 prescribed under subsection (a)(2) during the 180-
18 day period beginning on the date of enactment of
19 the Zika Response and Regulatory Relief Act.

20 “(3) EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY.—The Admin-
21 istrator may extend the period during which permit
22 and reporting requirements may be waived under
23 paragraphs (1) and (2), respectively, for not more
24 than an additional 180 days beyond the 180-day pe-
25 riods referred to in those paragraphs, as determined

1 necessary by the Administrator to protect the public
2 health.

3 “(4) STATE REPORTING WAIVERS.—Effective
4 beginning on the date of enactment of the Zika Re-
5 sponse and Regulatory Relief Act, as a condition of
6 continuing in effect the approval of the Adminis-
7 trator under subsection (b) to administer a State
8 permit program pursuant to that subsection, each
9 State administering such a program shall—

10 “(A) waive all reporting requirements that
11 would otherwise be applicable with respect to
12 any public health pesticide application of a mos-
13 quito control program during the 180-day pe-
14 riod beginning on the date of enactment of the
15 Zika Response and Regulatory Relief Act; and

16 “(B) extend the period during which a
17 State shall waive the reporting requirements
18 under subparagraph (A) for not more than an
19 additional 180 days beyond the 180-day period
20 referred to in that subparagraph, as determined
21 necessary by the State to protect the public
22 health.”.

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