

HR 258

Chesapeake Bay Accountability and Recovery Act of 2011

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Chamber: House

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Sponsor

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Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Mar 17, 2011
Rep. Rigell, E. Scott [R-VA-2]	R · VA		Mar 29, 2011
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Apr 4, 2011
Rep. Gerlach, Jim [R-PA-6]	R · PA		Apr 4, 2011
Rep. Goodlatte, Bob [R-VA-6]	R · VA		May 23, 2011
Rep. Wolf, Frank R. [R-VA-10]	R · VA		Jul 7, 2011

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Jul 20, 2011
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 10, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 2578	Related bill	Jun 20, 2012: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
112 S 760	Related bill	Apr 7, 2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Chesapeake Bay Accountability and Recovery Act of 2011 - Requires the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), in consultation with the Chesapeake Executive Council, the chief executive of each Chesapeake Bay state, and the Chesapeake Bay Commission, to submit to Congress a financial report containing: (1) an interagency crosscut budget for restoration activities that protect, conserve, or restore living resources, habitat, water resources, or water quality in the Chesapeake Bay watershed; (2) an accounting of funds received and obligated by all federal agencies for restoration activities; (3) an accounting from each state of all funds received and obligated from a federal agency for restoration activities; and (4) a description of each of the proposed federal and state restoration activities. Requires: (1) such report to describe only federal restoration activities that have funding amounts of at least \$100,000 and state restoration activities that have funding amounts of at least \$50,000, and (2) the Director to submit the report no later than 30 days after the submission of the President's annual budget to Congress.

Requires the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to develop and update every two years an adaptive management plan for restoration activities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed that includes: (1) a definition of specific and measurable objectives to improve water quality, habitat, and fisheries; (2) a process for stakeholder participation; (3) monitoring, modeling, experimentation, and other research and evaluation practices; (4) a process for modification of restoration activities that have not attained or will not attain such objectives; and (5) a process for prioritizing restoration activities and programs to which adaptive management shall be applied. Sets forth reporting requirements. Requires the Administrator to: (1) report annually to Congress on the Plan; and (2) ensure that the Annual Action Plan and Annual Progress Report required by the Executive Order 13508 includes the adaptive management plan.

Requires an Independent Evaluator for restoration activities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, who shall review and report to Congress every two years on restoration activities and the use of adaptive management in such activities. Requires the Evaluator to be appointed by the Administrator from among nominees submitted by the Chesapeake Executive Council.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 14, 2011:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 112-245, Part I.
- **Oct 14, 2011:** Committee on Transportation discharged.
- **Oct 14, 2011:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 161.
- **Jul 20, 2011:** Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs Discharged.
- **Jul 20, 2011:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 20, 2011:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Apr 7, 2011:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jan 26, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs.
- **Jan 10, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Jan 7, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 7, 2011:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.