

S 3791

America’s Conservation Enhancement Reauthorization Act of 2024

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)  
**Chamber:** Senate  
**Policy Area:** Environmental Protection  
**Introduced:** Feb 8, 2024  
**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 118-198.  
**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 118-198. (Dec 23, 2024)  
**Law:** 118-198 (Enacted Dec 23, 2024)  
**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/3791>

Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]  
**Party:** Democratic • **State:** DE • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (15 total)

| Cosponsor                         | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
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| Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]         | R · AR        |      | Feb 8, 2024  |
| Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV] | R · WV        |      | Feb 8, 2024  |
| Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]   | D · MD        |      | Feb 8, 2024  |
| Sen. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK]     | R · OK        |      | Feb 8, 2024  |
| Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]         | D · CA        |      | Feb 8, 2024  |
| Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]     | D · MD        |      | Feb 8, 2024  |
| Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]   | D · RI        |      | Feb 8, 2024  |
| Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]      | R · MS        |      | Feb 8, 2024  |
| Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]         | R · LA        |      | Mar 8, 2024  |
| Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]     | R · MS        |      | Mar 21, 2024 |
| Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]            | D · OR        |      | Mar 21, 2024 |
| Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]       | R · SC        |      | Apr 15, 2024 |
| Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]       | D · MI        |      | Apr 15, 2024 |
| Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]        | R · WY        |      | May 7, 2024  |
| Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]   | I · ME        |      | May 7, 2024  |

Committee Activity

| Committee                              | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Environment and Public Works Committee | Senate  | Reported By | Mar 12, 2024 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship   | Last Action  |
|-------------|----------------|--|
| 118 HR 8811 | Identical bill | <b>Dec 19, 2024:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 778.                 |
| 118 HR 7558 | Related bill   | <b>Mar 6, 2024:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment. |

Summary (as of Dec 23, 2024)

America's Conservation Enhancement Reauthorization Act of 2024

This act reauthorizes through FY2030 and modifies several wildlife and conservation programs, including the Chronic Wasting Disease Task Force, the management of invasive species under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, the North American Wetlands Conservation Act, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act, the Chesapeake Bay Program, the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network, the Chesapeake Bay Gateways Grant Assistance Program, the Chesapeake Watershed Investments for Landscape Defense program, and fish habitat conservation projects under the America's Conservation Enhancement Act.

In addition, the act modifies the America's Conservation Enhancement Act, including to provide statutory authority for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to carry out a black vulture livestock protection program that allows one public entity or Farm Bureau organization per state to hold a statewide depredation permit to protect commercial agriculture livestock from black vulture predation. It also authorizes appropriations for the FWS to complete the National Fish Habitat Assessment and the associated database.

Finally, the act extends through FY2030 a prohibition on the Environmental Protection Agency taking any action to regulate the lead content of sport fishing equipment or components under the Toxic Substances Control Act.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 23, 2024:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 23, 2024:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 23, 2024:** Became Public Law No: 118-198.
- **Dec 19, 2024:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 18, 2024:** Resolving differences -- Senate actions: Senate agreed to the House Amendment to S. 3791 by Voice Vote.
- **Dec 18, 2024:** Senate agreed to the House Amendment to S. 3791 by Voice Vote.
- **Dec 4, 2024:** Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendment to Senate bill.
- **Dec 3, 2024:** Mr. Westerman moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Dec 3, 2024:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6273-6276)
- **Dec 3, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 3791.
- **Dec 3, 2024:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Dec 3, 2024:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H6280)
- **Dec 3, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 366 - 21 (Roll no. 479). (text: CR H6273-6274)
- **Dec 3, 2024:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 366 - 21 (Roll no. 479). (text: CR H6273-6274)
- **Dec 3, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 10, 2024:** Received in the House.
- **May 10, 2024:** Held at the desk.
- **May 9, 2024:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **May 8, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote. (consideration: CR S3626-3627; text: CR S3626-3627)
- **May 8, 2024:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote. (consideration: CR S3626-3627; text: CR S3626-3627)
- **Mar 12, 2024:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Mar 12, 2024:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Reported by Senator Carper with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Mar 12, 2024:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 343.
- **Feb 8, 2024:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 8, 2024:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.