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Public Works

AN ACT

To reauthorize the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Asian Elephant Con-
3 servation Reauthorization Act of 2001”.

4 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF ASIAN ELEPHANT CON-**
5 **SERVATION ACT OF 1997.**

6 Section 7 of the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of
7 1997 (16 U.S.C. 4266) is amended by striking “1998”
8 and all that follows through “2002” and inserting “2001,
9 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007”.

10 **SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.**

11 Section 7 of the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of
12 1997 (16 U.S.C. 4266) is further amended—

13 (1) by striking “There are authorized” and in-
14 serting “(a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized”;
15 and

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

17 “(b) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Of amounts
18 available each fiscal year to carry out this Act, the Sec-
19 retary may expend not more than 3 percent or \$80,000,
20 whichever is greater, to pay the administrative expenses
21 necessary to carry out this Act.”.

22 **SEC. 4. COOPERATION.**

23 The Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997 is fur-
24 ther amended by redesignating section 7 (16 U.S.C. 4266)
25 as section 8, and by inserting after section 6 the following:

1 **“SEC. 7. ADVISORY GROUP.**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—To assist in carrying out this
3 Act, the Secretary may convene an advisory group con-
4 sisting of individuals representing public and private orga-
5 nizations actively involved in the conservation of Asian ele-
6 phants.

7 “(b) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.—

8 “(1) MEETINGS.—The Advisory Group shall—

9 “(A) ensure that each meeting of the advi-
10 sory group is open to the public; and

11 “(B) provide, at each meeting, an oppor-
12 tunity for interested persons to present oral or
13 written statements concerning items on the
14 agenda.

15 “(2) NOTICE.—The Secretary shall provide to
16 the public timely notice of each meeting of the advi-
17 sory group.

18 “(3) MINUTES.—Minutes of each meeting of
19 the advisory group shall be kept by the Secretary
20 and shall be made available to the public.

21 “(c) EXEMPTION FROM FEDERAL ADVISORY COM-
22 MITTEE ACT.—The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5
23 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to the advisory group.”.

24 **SEC. 5. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

25 (a) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—The Asian Ele-
26 phant Conservation Act of 1997 is amended as follows:

1 (1) Section 4(3) (16 U.S.C. 4263(3)) is amend-
 2 ed by striking “the Asian Elephant Conservation
 3 Fund established under section 6(a)” and inserting
 4 “the account established by division A, section
 5 101(e), title I of Public Law 105–277 under the
 6 heading ‘MULTINATIONAL SPECIES CONSERVATION
 7 FUND’ ”.

8 (2) Section 6 (16 U.S.C. 4265) is amended by
 9 striking the section heading and all that follows
 10 through “(d) ACCEPTANCE AND USE OF DONA-
 11 TIONS.—” and inserting the following:

12 **“SEC. 6. ACCEPTANCE AND USE OF DONATIONS.”.**

13 (b) TECHNICAL CORRECTION.—Title I of section
 14 101(e) of division A of Public Law 105–277 (112 Stat.
 15 2681–237) is amended under the heading “MULTI-
 16 NATIONAL SPECIES CONSERVATION FUND” by striking
 17 “Rhinceros and Tiger Conservation Act, subchapter I”
 18 and inserting “Rhinceros and Tiger Conservation Act of
 19 1994, part I”.

Passed the House of Representatives June 12, 2001.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.