

Union Calendar No. 577

118TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5509

[Report No. 118-682]

To modernize permitting systems at the Department of the Interior, and
for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

Ms. PORTER (for herself and Mr. LAMALFA) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

Additional sponsors: Mr. DONALDS, Mrs. PELTOLA, Mr. MOLINARO, and Mr.
CASTEN

SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italie*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on September 14, 2023]

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 “Electronic Permitting*
5 *Modernization Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR PERMIT ACCESSI-**
7 **BILITY.**

8 *In order to improve the overall economy, efficiency,*
9 *and management of operations and activities of the Depart-*
10 *ment of the Interior (referred to in this section as the “De-*
11 *partment”), reduce paperwork, and provide high-quality*
12 *services and access to the public, the Secretary of the Inte-*
13 *rior shall, to the extent practicable—*

14 (1) *design and deliver modernized electronic per-*
15 *mitting systems to accept, process, and record appli-*
16 *cations (including plan submissions, payment activ-*
17 *ity, and other related correspondence) for permits,*
18 *forms, and other paperwork required for activities*
19 *regulated by the Department;*

20 (2) *provide a centralized electronic permitting*
21 *system online repository, available to the public on*
22 *the Department’s website, that includes—*

23 (A) *hyperlinks to facilitate navigation to all*
24 *Department electronic permitting systems; and*

1 (B) with respect to permits, the contact in-
2 formation for the appropriate Department em-
3 ployees providing assistance to State, Tribal,
4 and local governments; and

5 (3) provide to the Committee on Natural Re-
6 sources of the House of Representatives and the Com-
7 mittee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Sen-
8 ate periodic updates on the implementation of para-
9 graphs (1) and (2).

10 **SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO ENSURE CONSIST-**
11 **ENCY WITH THE FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT**
12 **OF 2023.**

13 In developing the permitting systems required under
14 section 2 of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall en-
15 sure that the Department's electronic permitting systems
16 are consistent with the priorities identified in section 110
17 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42
18 U.S.C. 4336d) with respect to any permit that requires re-
19 view under that Act.

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