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119TH CONGRESS  
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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To ensure continuity of staffing at Federal beaches, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia introduced the following bill; which was referred to  
the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 “Safe Beaches, Safe  
5 Swimmers Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. ADEQUATE LIFEGUARD STAFFING AT FEDERAL**  
7               **SWIMMING AREAS AND BEACHES.**

8       (a) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary determines there  
9 is a staffing shortage with respect to a designated swim

1 location, the Secretary shall seek to enter into an agree-  
2 ment with one or more local government agencies to enable  
3 lifeguards employed by those local government agencies  
4 to—

5 (1) adequately staff such designated swim loca-  
6 tion during normal seasonal operating hours; and

7 (2) ensure visitor safety and provide rescue and  
8 first aid services at the designated swim location as  
9 necessary.

10 (b) REIMBURSEMENT.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—In entering into an agree-  
12 ment under subsection (a), the Secretary shall en-  
13 sure that the local government agency providing the  
14 lifeguard services is reimbursed for all reasonable  
15 costs incurred by the local government agency in  
16 carrying out the agreement.

17 (2) CURRENT AGREEMENTS.—If an agreement  
18 has been entered into by the Secretary and a local  
19 government agency for lifeguard services at a des-  
20 ignated swim location on or before the date of the  
21 enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall amend  
22 such agreement as necessary to provide for the reim-  
23 bursement of the local government agency for all  
24 reasonable costs incurred by the local government  
25 agency in carrying out the agreement, regardless of

1 the terms of the original agreement relating to cost  
2 sharing.

3 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) DESIGNATED SWIM LOCATION.—The term  
5 “designated swim location” means a swimming area  
6 or swimming beach—

7 (A) on lands and waters managed by the  
8 National Park Service, the United States Fish  
9 and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Man-  
10 agement, or the Bureau of Reclamation; and

11 (B) that is typically monitored by federally  
12 employed lifeguards during normal seasonal op-  
13 erating hours.

14 (2) STAFFING SHORTAGE.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “staffing  
16 shortage” means a level of staffing that nega-  
17 tively impacts the ability to adequately staff a  
18 designated swim location with federally em-  
19 ployed lifeguards and will likely result or has  
20 resulted in a designated swim location being left  
21 unmonitored by federally employed lifeguards  
22 during normal seasonal operating hours.

23 (B) EXCLUSION.—The term “staffing  
24 shortage” does not refer to short-term staffing

1           shortages caused by temporary absences, such  
2           as an employee taking annual or sick leave.

3           (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
4           the Secretary of the Interior.