

118TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 654

To amend the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act to reauthorize Delaware River Basin conservation programs, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 6, 2023

Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. COONS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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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 “Delaware River Basin  
5 Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. DELAWARE RIVER BASIN CONSERVATION REAU-**  
7 **THORIZATION.**

8 (a) FINDINGS.—Section 3501(2) of the Water Infra-  
9 structure Improvements for the Nation Act (Public Law

1 114–322; 130 Stat. 1771) is amended by inserting “Mary-  
 2 land,” after “Delaware,”.

3 (b) DEFINITIONS OF BASIN AND BASIN STATE.—  
 4 Section 3502 of the Water Infrastructure Improvements  
 5 for the Nation Act (Public Law 114–322; 130 Stat. 1773)  
 6 is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (1)—

8 (A) by striking “4-State” and inserting “5-  
 9 State”; and

10 (B) by inserting “Maryland,” after “Dela-  
 11 ware,”; and

12 (2) in paragraph (2), by inserting “Maryland,”  
 13 after “Delaware,”.

14 (c) COST SHARING.—Section 3504(c)(1) of the Water  
 15 Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (Public  
 16 Law 114–322; 130 Stat. 1775) is amended—

17 (1) by striking “The Federal share” and insert-  
 18 ing the following:

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
 20 subparagraph (B), the Federal share”; and

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

22 “(B) SMALL, RURAL, AND DISADVANTAGED  
 23 COMMUNITIES.—

24 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause

25 (ii), the Federal share of the cost of a

1 project funded under the grant program  
2 that serves a small, rural, or disadvantaged  
3 community shall be 90 percent of the total  
4 cost of the project, as determined by the  
5 Secretary.

6 “(ii) WAIVER.—The Secretary may in-  
7 crease the Federal share under clause (i)  
8 to 100 percent of the total cost of the  
9 project if the Secretary determines that the  
10 grant recipient is unable to pay, or would  
11 experience significant financial hardship if  
12 required to pay, the non-Federal share.”.

13 (d) SUNSET.—Section 3507 of the Water Infrastruc-  
14 ture Improvements for the Nation Act (Public Law 114–  
15 322; 130 Stat. 1775) is amended by striking “2023” and  
16 inserting “2030”.

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