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OFFERED BY MR. QUIGLEY OF ILLINOIS

Add at the end the following new title:

TITLE IV—FEDERAL BIRD SAFE BUILDINGS

SEC. 1. USE OF BIRD-SAFE FEATURES, PRACTICES, AND STRATEGIES IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 33 of title 40, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“§ 3319. Use of bird-safe features, practices, and strategies in public buildings

“(a) CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, AND ACQUISITION OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS.—The Administrator of General Services shall incorporate, to the extent practicable, features, practices, and strategies to reduce bird fatality resulting from collisions with public buildings for each public building—

“(1) constructed;

“(2) acquired; or
“(3) of which more than 50 percent of the facade is substantially altered (in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Buildings).

“(b) DESIGN GUIDE.—The Administrator shall develop a design guide to carry out subsection (a) that includes the following:

“(1) Features for reducing bird fatality resulting from collisions with public buildings throughout all construction phases, taking into account the number of each such bird fatality that occurs at different types of public buildings.

“(2) Methods and strategies for reducing bird fatality resulting from collisions with public buildings during the operation and maintenance of such buildings, including installing interior, exterior, and site lighting.

“(3) Best practices for reducing bird fatality resulting from collisions with public buildings, including—

“(A) a description of the reasons for adopting such practices; and

“(B) an explanation for the omission of a best practice identified pursuant to subsection (c).
“(c) IDENTIFYING BEST PRACTICES.—To carry out subsection (b)(3), the Administrator may identify best practices for reducing bird fatality resulting from collisions with public buildings, including best practices recommended by—

“(1) Federal agencies with expertise in bird conservation;

“(2) nongovernmental organizations with expertise in bird conservation; and

“(3) representatives of green building certification systems.

“(d) DISSEMINATION OF DESIGN GUIDE.—The Administrator shall disseminate the design guide developed pursuant to subsection (b) to all Federal agencies, subagencies, and departments with independent leasing authority from the Administrator.

“(e) UPDATE TO DESIGN GUIDE.—The Administrator shall, on a regular basis, update the design guide developed pursuant to subsection (b) with respect to the priorities of the Administrator for reducing bird fatality resulting from collisions with public buildings.

“(f) EXEMPT BUILDINGS.—This section shall not apply to—

“(1) any building or site listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places;
“(2) the White House and the grounds of the
White House;
“(3) the Supreme Court building and the
grounds of the Supreme Court; or
“(4) the United States Capitol and any building
on the grounds of the Capitol.
“(g) CERTIFICATION.—Not later than October 1 of
each fiscal year, the Administrator, acting through the
Commissioner, shall certify to Congress that the Adminis-
trator uses the design guide developed pursuant to sub-
section (b) for each public building described in subsection
(a).
“(h) REPORT.—Not later than October 1 of each fis-
cal year, the Administrator shall submit to Congress a re-
port that includes—
“(1) the certification under subsection (g); and
“(2) to the extent practicable, the number of
each such bird fatality that occurred as a result of
a collision with the public buildings occupied by the
respective head of each Federal agency.”.
(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
at the beginning of chapter 33 of title 40, United States
Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
item:
“3319. Use of bird-safe features, practices, and strategies in public buildings.”.