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# H. R. 1856

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SAXTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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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 “Volunteers for Wildlife  
5       Act of 1997”.

1 **SEC. 2. VOLUNTEERS IN WILDLIFE.**

2 Section 7(c) of the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16  
3 U.S.C. 742f(c)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
4 lowing:

5 “(7)(A) Subject to the availability of appropria-  
6 tions, the Secretary of the Interior shall conduct a  
7 volunteer pilot project at one national wildlife refuge  
8 in each United States Fish and Wildlife Service re-  
9 gion, under which the Secretary shall employ a vol-  
10 unteer coordinator for the refuge.

11 “(B) The Secretary may—

12 “(i) establish an account for each national  
13 wildlife refuge at which a pilot project is con-  
14 ducted under this paragraph;

15 “(ii) deposit into the account entrance fees,  
16 donations, and user fees generated at the na-  
17 tional wildlife refuge at which the project is  
18 conducted; and

19 “(iii) without further appropriation, expend  
20 amounts in the account for materials, training,  
21 and other uses to enhance volunteer activities at  
22 the refuge.

23 “(C) There are authorized to be appropriated  
24 \$150,000 for each pilot project authorized under  
25 this paragraph for each of the fiscal years 1998,  
26 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003.

1           “(8) The Secretary shall appoint a national vol-  
2           unteer coordinator for the National Wildlife Refuge  
3           System.”.

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