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# H. R. 2362

To reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 16, 2005

Mr. GIBBONS (for himself and Mrs. CUBIN) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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## A BILL

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Act of 1992.

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 “National Geologic  
5 Mapping Reauthorization Act of 2005”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT REFERENCES.**

7 Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in  
8 this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms  
9 of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provi-  
10 sion, the reference shall be considered to be made to such

1 section or other provision of the National Geologic Map-  
2 ping Act of 1992 (43 U.S.C. 31a et seq.).

3 **SEC. 3. FINDINGS.**

4 Section 2(a) (43 U.S.C. 31a(a)) is amended as fol-  
5 lows:

6 (1) By striking paragraph (1) and inserting the  
7 following:

8 “(1) although significant progress has been  
9 made in the production of geologic maps since the  
10 establishment of the National Cooperative Geologic  
11 Mapping Program in 1992, no modern, digital, geo-  
12 logic map exists for approximately 75 percent of the  
13 Nation;”.

14 (2) Paragraph (2) is amended—

15 (A) in subparagraph (C) by inserting  
16 “homeland and” after “planning for”;

17 (B) in subparagraph (E) by striking “pre-  
18 dicting” and inserting “identifying”;

19 (C) by striking “and” after the semicolon  
20 at the end of subparagraph (I);

21 (D) by redesignating subparagraph (J) as  
22 subparagraph (K); and

23 (E) by inserting after subparagraph (I) the  
24 following:



1 **SEC. 6. GEOLOGIC MAPPING PROGRAM OBJECTIVES.**

2 Section 4(c)(2) (43 U.S.C. 31c(c)(2)) is amended—

3 (1) by striking “geophysical-map data base,  
4 geochemical-map data base, and a”; and

5 (2) by striking “provide” and inserting “pro-  
6 vides”.

7 **SEC. 7. GEOLOGIC MAPPING PROGRAM COMPONENTS.**

8 Section 4(d)(1)(B)(ii) (43 U.S.C. 31c(d)(1)(B)(ii)) is  
9 amended—

10 (1) by striking “and” after the semicolon at the  
11 end of subclause (I);

12 (2) by striking the period at the end of sub-  
13 clause (II) and inserting “; and”; and

14 (3) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(III) the needs of Department  
16 of the Interior land management  
17 agencies.”.

18 **SEC. 8. GEOLOGIC MAPPING ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

19 Section 5(a) (43 U.S.C. 31d(a)) is amended—

20 (1) in paragraph (2)—

21 (A) by striking “Administrator of the En-  
22 vironmental Protection Agency or a designee”

23 and inserting “Secretary of the Interior or a  
24 designee from a land management agency of the

25 Department of the Interior”;

1 (B) by inserting “and” after “Energy or a  
2 designee,”; and

3 (C) by striking “, and the Assistant to the  
4 President for Science and Technology or a des-  
5 ignee”; and

6 (2) in paragraph (3)—

7 (A) by striking “Not later than” and all  
8 that follows through “consultation” and insert-  
9 ing “In consultation”;

10 (B) by striking “Chief Geologist, as Chair-  
11 man” and inserting “Associate Director for Ge-  
12 ology, as Chair”; and

13 (C) by striking “one representative from  
14 the private sector” and inserting “two rep-  
15 resentatives from the private sector”.

16 **SEC. 9. FUNCTIONS OF NATIONAL GEOLOGIC MAP DATA-**  
17 **BASE.**

18 Section 7(a) (43 U.S.C. 31f(a)) is amended—

19 (1) in paragraph (1) by striking “geologic map”  
20 and inserting “geologic-map”; and

21 (2) in paragraph (2)—

22 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph

23 (A) by inserting “information on how to ob-  
24 tain” after “that includes”; and

1 (B) in subparagraph (A) by striking  
2 “under the Federal component and the edu-  
3 cation component” and inserting “with funding  
4 provided under the national cooperative geologic  
5 mapping program authorized by section 4(a)”.

6 **SEC. 10. BIENNIAL REPORT.**

7 Section 8 (43 U.S.C. 31g) is amended by striking  
8 “Not later” and all that follows through “biennially” and  
9 inserting “Not later than 3 years after the date of the  
10 enactment of the National Geologic Mapping Reauthoriza-  
11 tion Act of 2005 and biennially”.

12 **SEC. 11. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS; ALLOCA-**  
13 **TION.**

14 Section 9 (43 U.S.C. 31h) is amended—

15 (1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the  
16 following:

17 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appro-  
18 priated to carry out this Act \$64,000,000 for each of fiscal  
19 years 2006 through 2010.”; and

20 (2) in subsection (b)—

21 (A) by striking “2000” and inserting  
22 “2005”;

23 (B) by striking “48” and inserting “50”;

24 and

1 (C) by striking 2 and inserting “4”.

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