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118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. DONALDS 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,*

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SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Harmful Algal Bloom Essential Forecasting Act".

SEC. 2. DESIGNATING CERTAIN HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOM SERVICES AS EXCEPTED SERVICES UNDER THE ANTI-DEFICIENCY ACT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 603A of the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998 is amended by adding at the end the following subsection:

"(j) ANTI-DEFICIENCY ACT APPLIED TO HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOM SERVICES.—Any services by an officer or employee under this chapter relating to web services and server processing for the Harmful Algal Bloom Operational Forecast System of the National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shall be deemed, for purposes of section 1342 of title 31, United States Code, services for emergencies involving the safety of human life or the protection of property.".

(b) APPLICATION.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply to any lapse in appropriations beginning on or after the date of enactment of this Act.