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House Passes Donalds Government Efficiency Bill With Broad Bipartisan Support

WASHINGTON – Tonight, the U.S. House of Representatives passed [H.R. 1676 – "The Make SWAPS Efficient Act"](#) by a bipartisan vote of 400-0 and will now advance to the U.S. Senate for consideration.

In July, the U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources [advanced H.R. 1676 – "The Make SWAPS Efficient Act"](#) out of committee by unanimous, bipartisan voice-vote.

[H.R. 1676 – "The Make SWAPS Efficient Act"](#) was introduced by Congressman Byron Donalds (R-FL) on February 27, 2025, is [co-led](#) by Congressman Jared Moskowitz (D-FL), and has received the [support](#) of Representatives John Rutherford (R-FL), Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL), Michael Guest (R-MS), Scott Franklin (R-FL), Vern Buchanan (R-FL), Daniel Webster (R-FL), Mike Haridopolos (R-FL), and John James (R-MI).

This [commonsense legislation](#) directs the Secretary of the Interior to approve a state's wildlife action plan (SWAP) within 180 days. If the Department of Interior does not approve the SWAP within 180 days, the SWAP is "deemed approved." [H.R. 1676](#) has also received the endorsement of Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; All Florida; Ducks Unlimited; and Florida Commercial Watermen's Conservation.

SWAPs are developed and submitted by states to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to identify non-game species of greatest conservation need, so they don't become threatened or endangered. Currently, there is no deadline for FWS to approve a complete SWAP once submitted by a state, and in most cases, approval can take over 18 months. 45 states have SWAPs due this year alone. Congressman Byron Donalds (R-FL) released the following statement:

"As we continue to peel back the labyrinth of federal bureaucracy that has paralyzed the basic functions of our federal government, we must turn to the Department of the Interior. Currently, it's taking over a year and a half to approve basic state wildlife protection plans to ensure non-game species do not become threatened or endangered. This is unacceptable and this is why I sponsored H.R. 1676 to expedite this timeline to just 180 days. We are making our government efficient again whether bureaucrats in Washington like it or not and I look forward to the swift passage of this important legislation in the United States Senate."

Watch Congressman Donalds (R-FL) give remarks in support of [H.R. 1676](#) from the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives [HERE](#).

Watch passage of H.R. 1676 – "The Make SWAPS Efficient Act" [HERE](#).

Background:

- In 2000, Congress authorized funding for the State Wildlife Grant Program. Additionally, in 2001, Congress authorized funding for the Tribal Wildlife Grant Program. Today, both programs are commonly referred to "the State and Tribal Wildlife Grant Program" (the Program).
- The Program, in part, provides funding for the "development, revision, and implementation of wildlife conservation and restoration plans and programs."
- In order to receiving funding under the Program, States must develop & submit to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) a wildlife conservation strategy—otherwise known as a State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP).
- In 2005, all 50 States, D.C., and 5 U.S. territories developed/submitted SWAPs to FWS and generally, States must submit SWAPs every 10 years to receive funding under the Program.

More:

- Read Text of H.R. 1676 – "The Make SWAPS Efficient Act" [HERE](#).
- See Bill Profile of H.R. 1676 – "The Make SWAPS Efficient Act" [HERE](#).
- See H.R. 1676 Social Media Summary of Bill Introduction [HERE](#).
- Watch Advancement of H.R. 1676 out of Committee [HERE](#).
- Watch Rep. Donalds Remarks in support of H.R. 1676 [HERE](#).
- Watch Rep. Crank Remarks in Support of H.R. 1676 [HERE](#).
- Watch Rep. Randall Remarks in Support of H.R. 1676 [HERE](#).
- Watch Passage of H.R. 1676 – "The Make SWAPS Efficient Act" [HERE](#).

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