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To establish a Gulf Coast Economic Restoration Fund, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MILLER of Florida (for himself and Mr. SOUTHERLAND) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To establish a Gulf Coast Economic Restoration Fund, and for other purposes.

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 “Gulf Coast Economic
5 and Tourism Restoration Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GULF COAST ECONOMIC RESTORATION FUND.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the
3 Treasury of the United States a fund to be known as the
4 Gulf Coast Economic Restoration Fund.

5 (b) TRANSFERS TO FUND.—Notwithstanding any
6 other provision of law, the Secretary of the Treasury shall
7 deposit into the Fund amounts equal to not less than 40
8 percent of any amounts collected by the United States be-
9 fore, on, or after the date of the enactment of this Act
10 as penalties, settlements, or fines under sections 309 and
11 311 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33
12 U.S.C. 1319, 1321) in relation to the Gulf oil spill.

13 (c) AUTHORIZED USES.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Fund shall be available
15 to the Task Force, as provided in appropriations
16 Acts, only for activities related to Gulf coast eco-
17 nomic development and tourism promotion.

18 (2) GRANTS TO STATES.—

19 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Task Force shall
20 distribute the amounts made available for ex-
21 penditure from the Fund to the Gulf States to
22 be used in accordance with this subsection.

23 (B) ALLOCATION AMONG STATES.—The
24 Task Force shall allocate the amounts to be dis-
25 tributed to each Gulf State under this para-
26 graph such that no single Gulf State receives

1 less than 5 percent, nor more than 30 percent,
2 of the available amounts.

3 (C) ALLOCATION WITHIN STATES.—The
4 Governor of each Gulf State shall allocate
5 amounts distributed to the State as follows:

6 (i) Not more than 25 percent of such
7 amounts may be used by the Governor for
8 statewide economic development and tour-
9 ism promotion activities.

10 (ii) Not less than 75 percent of such
11 amounts shall be distributed to local gov-
12 ernments in counties directly affected by
13 the Gulf oil spill for local economic devel-
14 opment and tourism promotion activities.

15 **SEC. 3. GULF COAST ECONOMIC RESTORATION TASK**
16 **FORCE.**

17 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established the Gulf
18 Coast Economic Restoration Task Force.

19 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Task Force shall consist of
20 the following members, or in the case of a Federal agency,
21 a designee at the level of Assistant Secretary or the equiv-
22 alent:

23 (1) The Secretary of the Interior.

24 (2) The Secretary of Commerce.

25 (3) The Secretary of the Army.

1 (4) The Attorney General.

2 (5) The Secretary of Homeland Security.

3 (6) The Administrator of the Environmental
4 Protection Agency.

5 (7) The Commandant of the Coast Guard.

6 (8) The Secretary of Transportation.

7 (9) The Secretary of Agriculture.

8 (10) The Secretary of the Navy.

9 (11) Two representatives of each of the Gulf
10 States, appointed by the Governor of each such
11 State.

12 (12) Two representatives, from within each of
13 the Gulf States, of local governments having juris-
14 diction over areas directly affected by the Gulf oil
15 spill, appointed by the Governor of each State, re-
16 spectively.

17 (c) DUTIES.—The Task Force shall administer the
18 Fund in accordance with section 2.

19 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

20 Not later than 180 days after receiving funds under
21 section 2, the Governor of each Gulf State shall submit
22 to Congress a report describing the use of such funds.

23 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

24 In this Act, the following definitions apply:

1 (1) FUND.—The term “Fund” means the Gulf
2 Coast Economic Restoration Fund established by
3 section 2(a).

4 (2) TASK FORCE.—The term “Task Force”
5 means the Gulf Coast Economic Restoration Task
6 Force established by section 3(a).

7 (3) GULF STATES.—The term “Gulf States”
8 means the States of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana,
9 Mississippi, and Texas.

10 (4) GULF OIL SPILL.—The term “Gulf oil spill”
11 means the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico caused by
12 the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon
13 that began on April 20, 2010.

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