

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 5509
OFFERED BY MS. PORTER OF CALIFORNIA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Electronic Permitting
3 Modernization Act”.

**4 SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR PERMIT ACCESSI-
5 BILITY.**

6 In order to improve the overall economy, efficiency,
7 and management of operations and activities of the De-
8 partment of the Interior (referred to in this section as the
9 “Department”), reduce paperwork, and provide high-qual-
10 ity services and access to the public, the Secretary of the
11 Interior shall, to the extent practicable—

12 (1) design and deliver modernized electronic
13 permitting systems to accept, process, and record
14 applications (including plan submissions, payment
15 activity, and other related correspondence) for per-
16 mits, forms, and other paperwork required for activi-
17 ties regulated by the Department;

1 (2) provide a centralized electronic permitting
2 system online repository, available to the public on
3 the Department’s website, that includes—

4 (A) hyperlinks to facilitate navigation to
5 all Department electronic permitting systems;
6 and

7 (B) with respect to permits, the contact in-
8 formation for the appropriate Department em-
9 ployees providing assistance to State, Tribal,
10 and local governments; and

11 (3) provide to the Committee on Natural Re-
12 sources of the House of Representatives and the
13 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the
14 Senate periodic updates on the implementation of
15 paragraphs (1) and (2).

16 **SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO ENSURE CONSIST-**
17 **ENCY WITH THE FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY**
18 **ACT OF 2023.**

19 In developing the permitting systems required under
20 section 2 of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall
21 ensure that the Department’s electronic permitting sys-
22 tems are consistent with the priorities identified in section
23 110 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42

- 1 U.S.C. 4336d) with respect to any permit that requires
- 2 review under that Act.

