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SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
This Act may be cited as the “Ocean Acidification Innovation Act of 2019”.

SEC. 2. PRIZE COMPETITIONS.
Section 12404 of the Federal Ocean Acidification Research and Monitoring Act of 2009 (33 U.S.C. 3703) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(d) PRIZE COMPETITIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Any Federal agency with a representative serving on the interagency working group established under this section may, either individually or in cooperation with one or more agencies, carry out a program to award prizes competitively under section 24 of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3719). An agency seeking to carry out such a program shall carry out such program in coordination with the chair of such interagency working group.

“(2) PURPOSES.—Any prize competition carried out under this subsection shall be for the purpose of stimulating innovation to advance our Nation’s abil-
ity to understand, research, or monitor ocean acidification or its impacts, or to develop management or adaptation options for responding to ocean acidification.

“(3) PRIORITY PROGRAMS.—Priority shall be given to establishing programs under this section that address communities, environments, or industries that are in distress due to the impacts of ocean acidification, including—

“(A) the development of monitoring or management options for communities or industries that are experiencing significant financial hardship;

“(B) the development of adaptation options to alleviate economic harm and job loss caused by ocean acidification;

“(C) the development of measures to help vulnerable communities or industries, with an emphasis on rural communities and businesses; and

“(D) the development of adaptation and management options for impacted shellfish industries.”.