SEC. 3052. NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS AND CORRIDORS.

AT THE SECOND SESSION

Begun and held at the City of Washington on Friday, the third day of January, two thousand and fourteen

An Act

To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

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(a) Extension of National Heritage Area Authorities.—

(1) Extensions.—


(i) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “2015” and inserting “2021”; and

(ii) in subsection (d), by striking “2015” and inserting “2021”.

(B) Division II of Public Law 104–333 (16 U.S.C. 461 note) is amended by striking “2015” each place it appears in the following sections and inserting “2021”:


(D) Public Law 106–278 (16 U.S.C. 461 note) is amended—

(i) in section 108 (114 Stat. 818; 127 Stat. 420; 128 Stat. 314), by striking “2015” and inserting “2021”; and

(ii) in section 209 (114 Stat. 824), by striking “the date that is 15 years after the date of enactment of this title” and inserting “September 30, 2021”.


(G) Title VIII of division B of H.R. 5666 (Appendix D) as enacted into law by section 1(a)(4) of Public Law 106–554 (16 U.S.C. 461 note; 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A–295; 123 Stat. 1294) is amended—

(i) in section 804(j), by striking “the day occurring 15 years after the date of enactment of this title” and inserting “September 30, 2021”; and

(ii) by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 811. TERMINATION OF ASSISTANCE.

“The authority of the Secretary to provide financial assistance under this title shall terminate on September 30, 2021.”.


(2) CONDITIONAL EXTENSION OF AUTHORITIES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by paragraph (1) (other than the amendments made by clauses (iii) and (iv) of paragraph (1)(B)), shall apply only through September 30, 2020, unless the Secretary of the Interior (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”)—

(i) conducts an evaluation of the accomplishments of the national heritage areas extended under paragraph (1), in accordance with subparagraph (B); and

(ii) prepares a report in accordance with subparagraph (C) that recommends a future role for the National Park Service with respect to the applicable national heritage area.

(B) EVALUATION.—An evaluation conducted under subparagraph (A)(i) shall—

(i) assess the progress of the local management entity with respect to—

(I) accomplishing the purposes of the authorizing legislation for the national heritage area; and

(II) achieving the goals and objectives of the approved management plan for the national heritage area;

(ii) analyze the investments of Federal, State, tribal, and local government and private entities in each national heritage area to determine the impact of the investments; and

(iii) review the management structure, partnership relationships, and funding of the national heritage area for purposes of identifying the critical components for sustainability of the national heritage area.

(C) REPORT.—Based on the evaluation conducted under subparagraph (A)(i), the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives a report that includes recommendations for the future role of the National Park Service with respect to the national heritage area.

(b) JOHN H. CHAFEE BLACKSTONE RIVER VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR AMENDMENTS.—Public Law 99–647 (16 U.S.C. 461 note; 100 Stat. 3625) is amended—


(2) in section 7 (120 Stat. 1858; 125 Stat. 155)—

(A) in the section heading, by striking “TERMINATION OF COMMISSION” and inserting “TERMINATION OF COMMISSION; DESIGNATION OF LOCAL COORDINATING ENTITY”;

(B) by striking “The Commission” and inserting the following:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Commission”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(b) LOCAL COORDINATING ENTITY.—
“(1) DESIGNATION.—The Commission shall select, subject to the approval of the Secretary, a qualified nonprofit organization to be the local coordinating entity for the Corridor (referred to in this section as the ‘local coordinating entity’).

“(2) IMPLEMENTATION OF MANAGEMENT PLAN.—The local coordinating entity shall assume the duties of the Commission for the implementation of the Cultural Heritage and Land Management Plan developed and approved under section 6.

“(c) USE OF FUNDS.—For the purposes of carrying out the management plan, the local coordinating entity may use amounts made available under this Act—

“(1) to make grants to the States of Massachusetts and Rhode Island (referred to in this section as the ‘States’), political subdivisions of the States, nonprofit organizations, and other persons;

“(2) to enter into cooperative agreements with or provide technical assistance to the States, political subdivisions of the States, nonprofit organizations, Federal agencies, and other interested parties;

“(3) to hire and compensate staff, including individuals with expertise in—

“(A) natural, historical, cultural, educational, scenic, and recreational resource conservation;

“(B) economic and community development; or

“(C) heritage planning;

“(4) to obtain funds or services from any source, including funds and services provided under any other Federal law or program;

“(5) to contract for goods or services; and

“(6) to support activities of partners and any other activities that further the purposes of the Corridor and are consistent with the approved management plan.”;

(3) in section 8 (120 Stat. 1858)—

(A) in subsection (b)—

(i) by striking “The Secretary” and inserting the following:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary”;

(ii) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—Notwithstanding chapter 63 of title 31, United States Code, the Secretary may enter into cooperative agreements with the local coordinating entity selected under paragraph (1) and other public or private entities for the purpose of—

“(A) providing technical assistance; or

“(B) implementing the plan under section 6(c).”; and

(B) by striking subsection (d) and inserting the following:

“(d) TRANSITION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—The Secretary shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the local coordinating entity to ensure—

“(1) the appropriate transition of management of the Corridor from the Commission to the local coordinating entity; and

“(2) coordination regarding the implementation of the Cultural Heritage and Land Management Plan.”;

(4) in section 10 (104 Stat. 1018; 120 Stat. 1858)—

(A) in subsection (a), by striking “in which the Commission is in existence” and inserting “until September 30, 2021”; and

(B) by striking subsection (c); and (5) by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 11. REFERENCES TO THE COMMISSION.

“For purposes of sections 6, 8 (other than section 8(d)(1)), 9, and 10, a reference to the ‘Commission’ shall be considered to be a reference to the local coordinating entity.”.