

104TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2159

To provide for the transfer of certain lands on the Island of Vieques, Puerto Rico, to the Municipality of Vieques.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 2, 1995

Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ (for himself, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, and Mr. FRAZER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on National Security, and in addition to the Committee on Resources, 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 provide for the transfer of certain lands on the Island of Vieques, Puerto Rico, to the Municipality of Vieques.

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 “Vieques Lands Trans-
5 fer Act of 1995”.

1 **SEC. 2. LAND CONVEYANCE, VIEQUES ISLAND, PUERTO**
2 **RICO.**

3 (a) CONVEYANCE AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of
4 Defense shall convey, without consideration, to the Mu-
5 nicipality of Vieques (in this section referred to as the
6 “Municipality”) all right, title, and interest of the United
7 States in and to a parcel of real property, including any
8 improvements thereon, consisting of approximately 8000
9 acres under the jurisdiction of the Secretary located in the
10 western region of the Island of Vieques, Puerto Rico, as
11 generally depicted on the map entitled “Land Use Map,
12 Vieques Island (Restrictive Use Areas)” and dated Feb-
13 ruary 1, 1994.

14 (b) CONDITION OF CONVEYANCE.—The conveyance
15 required under subsection (a) shall be subject to the condi-
16 tion that the Municipality use the conveyed property for
17 public purposes consistent with the land use plan prepared
18 under subsection (c).

19 (c) LAND USE PLAN.—In connection with the condi-
20 tion specified in subsection (b), the Secretary shall require
21 the Municipality to submit to the Secretary a detailed plan
22 of the public purposes for which the conveyed property
23 may be used (such as housing, schools, hospitals, libraries,
24 child care centers, parks and recreation, agriculture, con-
25 servation, economic development, public health, and public
26 safety). The Secretary may not convey the property until

1 after the end of the 90-day period beginning on the date
2 the Secretary submits the plan to the Committee on Na-
3 tional Security and the Committee on Resources of the
4 House of Representatives and the Committee on Armed
5 Services and the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
6 sources of the Senate.

7 (d) EFFECT ON ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS.—Nothing
8 in this section shall be construed to affect the application
9 of Federal and Commonwealth of Puerto Rico environ-
10 mental laws and regulations to the real property to be con-
11 veyed under this section, both before and after the convey-
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