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2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 4357

To establish the Fort Presque Isle National Historic Site in Erie,  
Pennsylvania.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 30, 1998

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania introduced the following bill; which was referred  
to the Committee on Resources

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## A BILL

To establish the Fort Presque Isle National Historic Site  
in Erie, Pennsylvania.

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. FORT PRESQUE ISLE NATIONAL HISTORIC**

4                       **SITE.**

5       (a) FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.—

6               (1) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the follow-  
7       ing:

8               (A) Fort Presque Isle was a frontier out-  
9       post located on Garrison Hill in the area of  
10       present-day Erie, Pennsylvania, which was the

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1 site of the American installations built from  
2 1795 to 1796 and in the War of 1812.

3 (B) General Anthony Wayne was a Revolu-  
4 tionary War hero who served under General  
5 George Washington and, at one point, was  
6 Commander in Chief of the United States  
7 Army. He first arrived in the area in 1786.

8 (C) Legend has it that Anthony Wayne  
9 was nicknamed “Mad” by his troops, not for  
10 being rash or foolish, but for his leadership and  
11 bravery on and off the battlefield.

12 (D) The original blockhouse of Fort  
13 Presque Isle was built in 1795 by 200 Federal  
14 troops from General Wayne’s army, under the  
15 direction of Captain John Grubb. It was the  
16 first blockhouse used as part of a defensive sys-  
17 tem established to counter Native American  
18 uprisings. It was also used during the War of  
19 1812.

20 (E) Anthony Wayne was stricken ill at  
21 Fort Presque Isle, and died there in 1796. At  
22 his request, his body was buried under the flag-  
23 pole of the northwest blockhouse of the fort.

24 (F) The original blockhouse burned in  
25 1852, and the existing structure was built by

1 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1880 as  
2 a memorial to Anthony Wayne.

3 (2) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section  
4 are the following:

5 (A) To provide for reconstruction of the  
6 frontier fort at Presque Isle for the benefit, in-  
7 spiration, and education of the people of the  
8 United States.

9 (B) To preserve the original grave site of  
10 General “Mad” Anthony Wayne at Fort  
11 Presque Isle.

12 (C) To broaden understanding of the his-  
13 torical significance of Fort Presque Isle.

14 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 (1) HISTORIC SITE.—The term “historic site”  
16 means the Fort Presque Isle National Historic Site  
17 established by subsection (c).

18 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
19 the Secretary of the Interior.

20 (c) ESTABLISHMENT OF FORT PRESQUE ISLE NA-  
21 TIONAL HISTORIC SITE.—

22 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established the  
23 Fort Presque Isle National Historic Site in Erie,  
24 Pennsylvania.

25 (2) DESCRIPTION.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—The historic site shall  
2 consist of land and improvements comprising  
3 the historic location of Fort Presque Isle, in-  
4 cluding the existing blockhouse replica at that  
5 location, as depicted on a map entitled  
6 “\_\_\_\_\_”, numbered \_\_\_\_\_ and dated  
7 \_\_\_\_\_, comprising approximately \_\_\_\_\_  
8 acres.

9 (B) MAP AND BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION.—  
10 The map referred to in subparagraph (A) and  
11 accompanying boundary description shall be on  
12 file and available for public inspection in the of-  
13 fice of the Director of the National Park Serv-  
14 ice and any other office of the National Park  
15 Service that the Secretary determines to be an  
16 appropriate location for filing the map and  
17 boundary description.

18 (d) ADMINISTRATION OF THE HISTORIC SITE.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall admin-  
20 ister the historic site in accordance with this section  
21 and the provisions of law generally applicable to  
22 units of the National Park System, including the Act  
23 entitled “An Act to establish a National Park Serv-  
24 ice, and for other purposes”, approved August 25,  
25 1916 (16 U.S.C. 1 et seq.), and the Act of August

1 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 666, chapter 593; 16 U.S.C. 461  
2 et seq.).

3 (2) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—To further  
4 the purposes of this section, the Secretary may enter  
5 into a cooperative agreement with any interested in-  
6 dividual, public or private agency, organization, or  
7 institution.

8 (3) TECHNICAL AND PRESERVATION ASSIST-  
9 ANCE.—

10 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may  
11 provide to any eligible person described in sub-  
12 paragraph (B) technical assistance for the pres-  
13 ervation of historic structures of, the mainte-  
14 nance of the cultural landscape of, and local  
15 preservation planning for, the historic site.

16 (B) ELIGIBLE PERSONS.—The eligible per-  
17 sons described in this subparagraph are—

18 (i) an owner of real property within  
19 the boundary of the historic site, as de-  
20 scribed in subsection (c)(2); and

21 (ii) any interested individual, agency,  
22 organization, or institution that has en-  
23 tered into an agreement with the Secretary  
24 pursuant to paragraph (2) of this sub-  
25 section.

1 (e) ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY—The Sec-  
2 retary may acquire by donation, exchange, or purchase  
3 with funds made available by donation or appropriation,  
4 such lands or interests in lands as may be necessary to  
5 allow for the interpretation, preservation, or restoration  
6 of the historic site.

7 (f) GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than the last day  
9 of the third full fiscal year beginning after the date  
10 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall, in con-  
11 sultation with the officials described in paragraph  
12 (2), prepare a general management plan for the his-  
13 toric site.

14 (2) CONSULTATION.—In preparing the general  
15 management plan, the Secretary shall consult with  
16 an appropriate official of each appropriate political  
17 subdivisions of the State of Pennsylvania that have  
18 jurisdiction over all or a portion of the historic site.

19 (3) SUBMISSION OF PLAN TO CONGRESS.—  
20 Upon the completion of the general management  
21 plan, the Secretary shall submit a copy of the plan  
22 to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
23 of the Senate and the Committee on Resources of  
24 the House of Representatives.

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