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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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress makes the following findings:

5 (1) The historic significance of the 52-mile  
6 Going-to-the-Sun Road is recognized by its listing on  
7 the National Register of Historic Places in 1983,  
8 designation as a National Historic Engineering  
9 Landmark by the American Society of Civil Engi-  
10 neers in 1985, and designation as a National His-  
11 toric Landmark in 1997.

12 (2) A contracted engineering study and Federal  
13 Highway Administration recommendations in 1997  
14 of the Going-to-the-Sun Road verified significant  
15 structural damage to the road that has occurred  
16 since it opened in 1932.

17 (3) Infrastructure at most of the developed  
18 areas is inadequate for cold-season (fall, winter, and  
19 spring) operation, and maintenance backlog needs  
20 exist for normal summer operation.

21 (4) The Many Glacier Hotel and Lake McDon-  
22 ald Lodge are on the National Register of Historic  
23 Places and are National Historic Landmarks. Other  
24 accommodations operated by the concessioner with  
25 possessory interest and listed on the National Reg-

1        ister of Historic Places are the Rising Sun Motor  
2        Inn and Swiftcurrent Motel.

3            (5) The historic hotels in Glacier National  
4        Park, operated under concession agreements with  
5        the National Park Service, are essential for public  
6        use and enjoyment of the Park.

7            (6) Public consumers deserve safe hotels in Gla-  
8        cier National Park that can meet their basic needs  
9        and expectations.

10           (7) The historic hotels in Glacier National Park  
11        are significantly deteriorated and need substantial  
12        repair.

13           (8) Repairs of the hotels in Glacier National  
14        Park have been deferred for so long that, absent any  
15        changes to Federal law and the availability of his-  
16        toric tax credits, the remodeling costs for the hotels  
17        may exceed the capacity of an investor to finance  
18        them solely out of hotel revenues.

19           (9) The current season of operation for hotels  
20        is approximately 4 months because the developed  
21        areas lack water, sewer, and fire protection systems  
22        that can operate in freezing conditions, lack building  
23        insulation, and lack heating systems.

24           (10) The National Park Service Concessions  
25        Management Improvement Act of 1998 is based

1 upon sound principles and is achieving its basic pur-  
2 poses, but there appear to be selected instances  
3 where the National Park Service may need addi-  
4 tional authority to conduct demonstration projects.

5 (11) A demonstration project is needed for the  
6 repair of the historic hotels in Glacier National  
7 Park.

8 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

9 In this Act:

10 (1) **ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**—The term “Advi-  
11 sory Committee” means the Going-to-the-Sun Road  
12 Citizens Advisory Committee.

13 (2) **PARK.**—The term “Park” means Glacier  
14 National Park.

15 (3) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means  
16 the Secretary of the Interior.

17 **SEC. 3. GOING-TO-THE-SUN ROAD STUDY.**

18 (a) **FEASIBILITY STUDY.**—Not later than December  
19 31, 2001, the Secretary, in consultation with Advisory  
20 Committee, shall complete a feasibility study for rehabili-  
21 tation of Going-to-the-Sun Road located in the Park. The  
22 study shall include—

23 (1) alternatives for rehabilitation of Going-to-  
24 the-Sun Road and a ranking of the feasibility of  
25 each alternative;

1           (2) an estimate of the length of time necessary  
2 to complete each alternative;

3           (3) a description of what mitigation efforts  
4 would be used to preserve resources and minimize  
5 adverse economic effects of each alternative;

6           (4) an analysis of the costs and benefits of each  
7 alternative;

8           (5) an estimate of the cost of each alternative;

9           (6) an analysis of the economic impact of each  
10 alternative;

11           (7) an analysis of long-term maintenance needs,  
12 standards, and schedules for the road, alternatives  
13 to accomplish the rehabilitation, maintenance staff  
14 needs, and associated cost estimates;

15           (8) a draft of the environmental impact state-  
16 ment required under section 102(2)(C) of the Na-  
17 tional Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.  
18 4332(2)(C)); and

19           (9) an analysis of improvements to any trans-  
20 portation system relating to the Park that are need-  
21 ed inside or outside the Park.

22           (b) CONTINUATION MAINTENANCE.—Nothing in this  
23 section shall affect the duty of the Secretary to continue  
24 the program in effect on the day before the date of the

1 enactment of this Act to preserve, maintain, and address  
2 safety concerns related to Going-to-the-Sun Road.

3 (c) IMPLEMENTATION OF PLAN.—As soon as prac-  
4 ticable after completing the study required by subsection  
5 (a), the Secretary shall—

6 (1) consider the recommendations of the Advi-  
7 sory Committee;

8 (2) choose an alternative for rehabilitation of  
9 the Going-to-the-Sun Road from the alternatives in-  
10 cluded in the study based upon the final environ-  
11 mental impact statement required under section  
12 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act  
13 of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C)); and

14 (3) begin implementation of a plan based on  
15 that choice.

16 Implementation actions that are authorized include reha-  
17 bilitation of Going-to-the-Sun Road and expenditure of  
18 funds inside or outside the Park for transportation system  
19 improvements related to the Park and impact mitigation  
20 if recommended by the study and the Advisory Committee.

21 The Secretary shall also seek funding for the long-term  
22 maintenance needs that the study identifies.

23 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after comple-  
24 tion of the study required under subsection (a), the Sec-  
25 retary shall submit a copy of the study to—

1           (1) the Committee on Resources and the Com-  
2           mittee on Appropriations of the House of Represent-  
3           atives; and

4           (2) the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-  
5           sources and the Committee on Appropriations of the  
6           Senate.

7           (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
8           are authorized to be appropriated \$200,000,000 to the  
9           Secretary to carry out this section, including—

10           (1) implementation of the plan under subsection  
11           (c); and

12           (2) the cost of any necessary environmental or  
13           cultural documentation and monitoring, including  
14           the draft environmental impact statement required  
15           under subsection (a)(8).

16 **SEC. 4. MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADE OF UTILITY SYS-**  
17 **TEMS.**

18           (a) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after funds  
19           are made available under this section, the Secretary shall  
20           begin the upgrade and continue the maintenance of utility  
21           systems which service the Park and facilities related to  
22           the Park.

23           (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
24           are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry  
25           out this section, \$20,000,000.

1 **SEC. 5. VISITOR FACILITIES PLAN.**

2 (a) PLAN FOR VISITOR FACILITIES.—Not later than  
3 December 31, 2001, the Secretary shall complete a com-  
4 prehensive plan for visitor facilities in the Park. The com-  
5 prehensive plan shall include the following:

6 (1) A completed commercial services plan, as  
7 called for in the Park General Management Plan.

8 (2) A plan for private financing of rehabilita-  
9 tion of lodging facilities and associated property that  
10 are listed on the National Register of Historic  
11 Places or are part of a district listed on the National  
12 Register of Historic Places, which may include his-  
13 toric tax credits, hotel revenue, and other financing  
14 alternatives as deemed appropriate by the Secretary,  
15 and which may include options such as extending  
16 the Park's visitor season, additional visitor facilities,  
17 and other options as deemed appropriate by the Sec-  
18 retary in order to recover the rehabilitation costs.

19 (3) A financial analysis of the plan under para-  
20 graph (2).

21 (4) A plan by the Secretary to provide nec-  
22 essary assistance to appropriate interested entities  
23 for the restoration or comparable replacement of  
24 tour buses for use in the Park.

25 (5) A plan for a new visitors center at the west  
26 side of the Park, including an appropriate location

1 and design for the center and suitable housing and  
2 display facilities for museum objects of the Park as  
3 set forth in the Park General Management Plan, in-  
4 cluding any studies required to be carried out under  
5 the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42  
6 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and other applicable laws.

7 (6) A parkwide natural and cultural resources  
8 assessment, in accordance with sections 203 and 204  
9 of the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of  
10 1998 (Public Law 105–391; 112 Stat. 3497), in-  
11 cluding a comprehensive inventory of resources of  
12 the Park.

13 (7) A description of any additional authority re-  
14 quested by the Secretary to implement the com-  
15 prehensive plan.

16 (b) SUBMISSION OF PLAN.—The Secretary shall sub-  
17 mit copies of the comprehensive plan to the Committee  
18 on Resources of the House of Representatives and the  
19 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Sen-  
20 ate.

21 (c) IMPLEMENTATION OF PLAN.—As soon as prac-  
22 ticable after completion of the comprehensive plan, the  
23 Secretary shall implement the comprehensive plan, includ-  
24 ing construct the visitors center pursuant to the plan re-  
25 quired by subsection (a)(5).

1       (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
2 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary \$1,000,000  
3 to complete the comprehensive plan.

Passed the House of Representatives October 17,  
2000.

Attest:

*Clerk.*