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# H. R. 6263

To reauthorize the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Act of 1988, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 29, 2006

Mr. DENT (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK of Pennsylvania, and Mr. SHERWOOD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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## A BILL

To reauthorize the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Act of 1988, and for other purposes.

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. REAUTHORIZATION AND UPDATING AMEND-**  
4 **MENTS.**

5 The Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Cor-  
6 ridor Act of 1988 (Public Law 100–692) is updated as  
7 follows:

8 (1) In section 2, by adding at the end the fol-  
9 lowing:

1           “(6) The Corridor contained the only historic  
2 system of the Industrial Revolution that integrated  
3 anthracite mining and resource extraction, canals  
4 and railroads, commerce and heavy industry, and a  
5 remarkable number of the historic elements of the  
6 system are intact.”.

7           (2) In section 4, by striking “Environmental  
8 Resources” and inserting “Conservation and Natural  
9 Resources”.

10          (3) In section 8—

11                 (A) in subsection (b), by inserting “and re-  
12 view and approval by the Secretary of the stra-  
13 tegic plan” after “in section 10(a)”;

14                 (B) by inserting “and the strategic plan”  
15 after “goals of the Plan”;

16                 (C) by amending the text of subsection  
17 (b)(1) to read as follows: “assisting the Com-  
18 monwealth, political subdivisions and non-profit  
19 agencies in preserving the historic transpor-  
20 tation system of Canals and overland railroads  
21 and the maintenance of the system as a trail  
22 significant to nation;”;

23                 (D) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “gov-  
24 ernments” and inserting “agencies”;

1                   (E) in subsection (b)(3), by striking “in  
2                   the Corridor” and inserting “and heighten the  
3                   understanding of the Corridor’s nationally im-  
4                   portant stories”; and

5                   (F) by adding at the end the following:

6                   “(c) STRATEGIC PLAN.—The Corporation shall de-  
7                   velop a Strategic Plan that takes in account the findings  
8                   and recommendations of the study titled ‘Connecting Sto-  
9                   ries, Landscapes and People: Exploring the Delaware and  
10                  Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Partnership’ con-  
11                  ducted by the National Park Service Conservation Study  
12                  Institute. The strategic plan shall complement the man-  
13                  agement plan for the Corridor by guiding future invest-  
14                  ment, strengthening and serving the partnership network,  
15                  positioning the Corridor to take advantage of opportuni-  
16                  ties, and prioritizing actions.”.

17                  (4) In section 9, by adding at the end the fol-  
18                  lowing:

19                  “(c) CORPORATION AS LOCAL MANAGEMENT ENTI-  
20                  TY.—Upon the date of the enactment of this subsection,  
21                  the local management entity for the corridor shall be the  
22                  Corporation.

23                  “(d) IMPLEMENTATION OF MANAGEMENT PLAN.—  
24                  The Corporation will assume the duties of the Commission  
25                  for the implementation of the management action plan.

1       “(e) USE OF FUNDS.—The Corporation may use  
2 Federal funds made available under this Act—

3           “(1) to make grants to and enter into coopera-  
4 tive agreements with the Commonwealth, political  
5 subdivisions, nonprofit organizations, and individ-  
6 uals;

7           “(2) to hire, train, and compensate staff;

8           “(3) to enter into contracts for goods and serv-  
9 ices; and

10          “(4) to obtain money from any source under  
11 any program or law requiring the recipient of such  
12 money to make a contribution in order to receive  
13 such money.”.

14          (5) In section 10—

15           (A) in subsection (c), by striking “shall as-  
16 sist the Commission” and inserting “shall, upon  
17 the Corporation’s request, assist”;

18           (B) in subsection (d), by striking “Com-  
19 mission” each place it appears and inserting  
20 “Corporation”; and

21           (C) by adding at the end the following:

22          “(e) TRANSITION MOU.—The Secretary shall enter  
23 into a memorandum of understanding with the Corpora-  
24 tion to assure appropriate transition of the local manage-  
25 ment to the Corporation and coordination with the Cor-

1 poration regarding the implementation of the management  
2 action plan.

3 “(f) SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDIES.—

4 “(1) SITES AND FEATURES.—The Secretary  
5 shall conduct a special resource study of sites and  
6 associated landscape features within the boundaries  
7 of the Corridor that contribute to the understanding  
8 of the Corridor’s national significance. To provide  
9 appropriate context regarding the contribution of an-  
10 thracite mining, industries, transportation and com-  
11 merce to the nation’s growth and industrial develop-  
12 ment, the special resource study shall review the re-  
13 sources of the greater anthracite region of Pennsyl-  
14 vania covered by other designated national heritage  
15 areas.

16 “(2) POTENTIAL DESIGNATION.—

17 “(A) AUTHORIZATION.—Not later than 3  
18 years after the date on which funds are made  
19 available to carry out this subsection, the Sec-  
20 retary, in coordination with the Corporation,  
21 shall complete the special resource study to  
22 evaluate the possibility of—

23 “(i) designating one or more site or  
24 landscape feature as a unit of the National  
25 Park System; and

1           “(ii) coordinating and complementing  
2           actions by the Corporation, Common-  
3           wealth, political subdivisions and non-profit  
4           agencies, in the preservation and interpre-  
5           tation of significant resources within the  
6           Corridor and greater anthracite region.

7           “(B) STUDY.—Not later than 30 days  
8           after the date on which the special resource  
9           study is completed, the Secretary shall submit  
10          to the Committee on Resources of the House of  
11          Representatives and the Committee on Energy  
12          and Natural Resources of the Senate a report  
13          that describes the findings, conclusions, and  
14          recommendations of the study.”.

15          (6) In section 12—

16                 (A) by striking “Commission” each place it  
17                 appears and inserting “Corporation”; and

18                 (B) by striking “2007” and inserting  
19                 “2019”.

20          (7) In section 13, by striking “Commission”  
21          and inserting “Corporation”.

22          (8) In section 14—

23                 (A) in paragraph (5), by striking “and” at  
24                 the end;

1 (B) in paragraph (6), by striking the pe-  
2 riod and inserting “; and”; and

3 (C) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(7) the term ‘Corporation’ means the Dela-  
5 ware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, Incor-  
6 porated, an organization described under section  
7 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and  
8 exempt from taxation.”.

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