

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 1287

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## AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a partnership with the Porter County Convention, Recreation and Visitor Commission regarding the use of the Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center as a visitor center for the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, 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. DOROTHY BUELL MEMORIAL VISITOR CENTER.**

4        (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the  
5 “Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center Partnership  
6 Act”.

7        (b) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—The Sec-  
8 retary of the Interior may enter into a memorandum of  
9 understanding to establish a joint partnership with the  
10 Porter County Convention, Recreation and Visitor Com-  
11 mission. The memorandum of understanding shall—

12            (1) identify the overall goals and purpose of the  
13 Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center;

14            (2) establish how management and operational  
15 duties will be shared;

16            (3) determine how exhibits, signs, and other in-  
17 formation are developed;

18            (4) indicate how various activities will be fund-  
19 ed;

20            (5) identify who is responsible for providing site  
21 amenities;

22            (6) establish procedures for changing or dis-  
23 solving the joint partnership; and

1           (7) address any other issues deemed necessary  
2           by the Secretary or the Porter County Convention,  
3           Recreation and Visitor Commission.

4           (c) DEVELOPMENT OF EXHIBITS.—The Secretary  
5           may plan, design, construct, and install exhibits in the  
6           Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center related to the use  
7           and management of the resources at Indiana Dunes Na-  
8           tional Lakeshore, at a cost not to exceed \$1,500,000.

9           (d) NATIONAL LAKESHORE PRESENCE.—The Sec-  
10          retary may use park staff from Indiana Dunes National  
11          Lakeshore in the Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center  
12          to provide visitor information and education.

13       **SEC. 2. INDIANA DUNES NATIONAL LAKESHORE.**

14          Section 19 of the Act entitled “An Act to provide for  
15          the establishment of the Indiana Dunes National Lake-  
16          shore, and for other purposes” (16 U.S.C. 460u–19) is  
17          amended—

18               (1) by striking “After notifying” and inserting  
19               “(a) After notifying”; and

20               (2) by adding at the end the following:

21               “(b) CONTIGUOUS CLARIFIED.—For purposes of sub-  
22          section (a), lands may be considered contiguous to other  
23          lands if the lands touch the other lands, or are separated

1 from the other lands by only a public or private right-  
2 of-way, such as a road, railroad, or utility corridor.”.

Passed the House of Representatives September 8,  
2009.

Attest:

*Clerk.*



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