

113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4705

To amend the Military Construction Authorization Act, 1974 to authorize the Secretary of Defense to decontaminate certain portions of the former bombardment area on the island of Culebra, Puerto Rico.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2014

Mr. PIERLUISI introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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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. USE OF FORMER BOMBARDMENT AREA ON IS-**

4 **LAND OF CULEBRA, PUERTO RICO.**

5 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
6 gress that the statutory prohibition restricting environ-
7 mental cleanup of the former bombardment area on the
8 island of Culebra, Puerto Rico, is a unique anomaly for

1 the Department of Defense and its formerly used defense
2 sites.

3 (b) MODIFICATION OF RESTRICTION ON FEDERAL
4 DECONTAMINATION AUTHORITY.—Section 204(c) of the
5 Military Construction Authorization Act, 1974 (Public
6 Law 93–166; 87 Stat. 668) is amended by adding at the
7 end the following new sentence: “The first sentence of this
8 subsection shall not apply to the portions of the former
9 bombardment area that were identified as having regular
10 public access in the Department of Defense study entitled
11 ‘Study Relating to the Presence of Unexploded Ordnance
12 in a Portion of the Former Naval Bombardment Area of
13 Culebra Island, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico’ and dated
14 April 20, 2012, which was prepared in accordance with
15 section 2815 of the Ike Skelton National Defense Author-
16 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2011 (Public Law 111–383;
17 124 Stat. 4464).”.

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