

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 135

To amend the National Historic Preservation Act to provide that if the head of the agency managing Federal property objects to the inclusion of certain property on the National Register or its designation as a National Historic Landmark for reasons of national security, the Federal property shall be neither included nor designated until the objection is withdrawn, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 2015

Mr. ISSA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Military Land and Na-
3 tional Defense Act” or the “Military LAND Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIONAL HISTORIC PRES-**
5 **ERVATION ACT.**

6 Section 101(a) of the National Historic Preservation
7 Act (16 U.S.C. 470a(a)) is amended as follows:

8 (1) In paragraph (2)—

9 (A) in subparagraph (E), by striking “;
10 and” and inserting a semicolon;

11 (B) in subparagraph (F), by striking the
12 period and inserting “; and”; and

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

14 “(G) notifying the Committee on Natural Re-
15 sources of the United States House of Representa-
16 tives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
17 sources of the Senate if the property is owned by the
18 Federal Government when the property is being con-
19 sidered for inclusion on the National Register, for
20 designation as a National Historic Landmark, or for
21 nomination to the World Heritage List.”.

22 (2) By redesignating paragraphs (7) and (8) as
23 paragraphs (8) and (9), respectively.

24 (3) By inserting after paragraph (6) the fol-
25 lowing:

1 “(7) If the head of the agency managing any
2 Federal property objects to such inclusion or des-
3 ignation for reasons of national security, such as any
4 impact the inclusion or designation would have on
5 use of the property for military training or readiness
6 purposes, that Federal property shall be neither in-
7 cluded on the National Register nor designated as a
8 National Historic Landmark until the objection is
9 withdrawn.”.

10 (4) By adding after paragraph (9) (as so reded-
11 ignated by paragraph (2) of this section) the fol-
12 lowing:

13 “(10) The Secretary shall promulgate regula-
14 tions to allow for expedited removal of Federal prop-
15 erty listed on the National Register of Historic
16 Places if the managing agency of that Federal prop-
17 erty submits to the Secretary a written request to
18 remove the Federal property from the National Reg-
19 ister of Historic Places for reasons of national secu-
20 rity, such as any impact the inclusion or designation
21 would have on use of the property for military train-
22 ing or readiness purposes.”.

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