

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 560

To amend the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Improvement Act to provide access to certain vehicles serving residents of municipalities adjacent to the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 13, 2017

Mr. MARINO (for himself and Mr. CARTWRIGHT) 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. VEHICULAR ACCESS AND FEES.**

4 Section 4 of the Delaware Water Gap National Recre-
5 ation Area Improvement Act (Public Law 109–156) is
6 amended to read as follows:

1 **“SEC. 4. USE OF CERTAIN ROADS WITHIN THE RECREATION**
2 **AREA.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided in
4 this section, Highway 209, a federally owned road within
5 the boundaries of the Recreation Area, shall be closed to
6 all commercial vehicles.

7 “(b) EXCEPTION FOR LOCAL BUSINESS USE.—Until
8 September 30, 2021, subsection (a) shall not apply with
9 respect to the use of commercial vehicles that have four
10 or fewer axles and are—

11 “(1) owned and operated by a business phys-
12 ically located in—

13 “(A) the Recreation Area; or

14 “(B) one or more adjacent municipalities;

15 or

16 “(2) necessary to provide services to businesses
17 or persons located in—

18 “(A) the Recreation Area; or

19 “(B) one or more adjacent municipalities.

20 “(c) FEE.—The Secretary shall establish a fee and
21 permit program for the use by commercial vehicles of
22 Highway 209 under subsection (b). The program shall in-
23 clude an annual fee not to exceed \$200 per vehicle. All
24 fees received under the program shall be set aside in a
25 special account and be available, without further appro-
26 priation, to the Secretary for the administration and en-

1 enforcement of the program, including registering vehicles,
2 issuing permits and vehicle identification stickers, and
3 personnel costs.

4 “(d) EXCEPTIONS.—The following vehicles may use
5 Highway 209 and shall not be subject to a fee or permit
6 requirement under subsection (c):

7 “(1) Local school buses.

8 “(2) Fire, ambulance, and other safety and
9 emergency vehicles.

10 “(3) Commercial vehicles using Federal Road
11 Route 209, from—

12 “(A) Milford to the Delaware River Bridge
13 leading to U.S. Route 206 in New Jersey; and

14 “(B) mile 0 of Federal Road Route 209 to
15 Pennsylvania State Route 2001.”.

16 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

17 Section 2 of the Delaware Water Gap National Recre-
18 ation Area Improvement Act (Public Law 109–156) is
19 amended—

20 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through
21 (5) as paragraphs (2) through (6), respectively; and

22 (2) by inserting before paragraph (2) (as so re-
23 designated by paragraph (1) of this section) the fol-
24 lowing:

1 “(1) ADJACENT MUNICIPALITIES.—The term
2 ‘adjacent municipalities’ means Delaware Township,
3 Dingman Township, Lehman Township, Matamoras
4 Borough, Middle Smithfield Township, Milford Bor-
5 ough, Milford Township, Smithfield Township and
6 Westfall Township, in Pennsylvania.”.

7 **SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**

8 Section 702 of the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands
9 Management Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–333) is re-
10 pealed.

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