

## Union Calendar No. 409

117<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 2444

**[Report No. 117-568]**

To establish Fort San Gerónimo del Boquerón in Puerto Rico as an affiliated area of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 12, 2021

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

NOVEMBER 16, 2022

Additional sponsors: Mr. SABLAN and Mrs. RADEWAGEN

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on April 12, 2021]

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4        *This Act may be cited as the “Fort San Gerónimo*  
5 *Preservation Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7        *In this Act:*

8            (1) *FORT SAN GERÓNIMO DEL BOQUERÓN.*—*The*  
9 *term “Fort San Gerónimo del Boquerón” (also known*  
10 *as “Fortín de San Gerónimo del Boquerón”)* *means*  
11 *the fort and grounds listed on the National Register*  
12 *of Historic Places and located near Old San Juan,*  
13 *Puerto Rico.*

14            (2) *SECRETARY.*—*The term “Secretary” means*  
15 *the Secretary of the Interior.*

16 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF AFFILIATED AREA.**

17            (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Fort San Gerónimo del Boquerón*  
18 *in Puerto Rico is established as an affiliated area of the*  
19 *National Park System.*

20            (b) *DESCRIPTION OF AFFILIATED AREA.*—*The affli-*  
21 *ated area shall consist of the area generally depicted on the*  
22 *map titled “Fort San Gerónimo Proposed Affiliated Area”,*  
23 *numbered 910/176698, and dated July 2021.*

24            (c) *ADMINISTRATION.*—*The affiliated area shall be*  
25 *managed in accordance with—*

1           (1) *this Act; and*

2           (2) *any law generally applicable to units of the*  
3 *National Park System.*

4           (d) *MANAGEMENT ENTITY.*—*The Institute of Puerto*  
5 *Rican Culture shall be the management entity for the affili-*  
6 *ated area.*

7           (e) *COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.*—*The Secretary may*  
8 *provide technical assistance and enter into cooperative*  
9 *agreements with the management entity for the purpose of*  
10 *providing financial assistance for the marketing, marking,*  
11 *interpretation, and preservation of the affiliated area.*

12          (f) *LIMITED ROLE OF THE SECRETARY.*—*Nothing in*  
13 *this section authorizes the Secretary to acquire property at*  
14 *the affiliated area or to assume managerial or financial re-*  
15 *sponsibility for the operation, maintenance, or management*  
16 *of the affiliated area.*

17          (g) *MANAGEMENT PLAN.*—

18           (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary, in consultation*  
19 *with the management entity, shall develop a manage-*  
20 *ment plan for the affiliated area.*

21           (2) *TRANSMITTAL.*—*Not later than 3 years after*  
22 *the date on which funds are first made available to*  
23 *carry out this section, the Secretary shall submit the*  
24 *management plan developed under paragraph (1) to*  
25 *the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of*

1 *Representatives and the Committee on Energy and*  
2 *Natural Resources of the Senate.*

3 *(h) PRIVATE PROPERTY PROTECTION.—Nothing in*  
4 *this Act affects the land use rights of private property own-*  
5 *ers adjacent to Fort San Gerónimo del Boquerón.*

6 *(i) NO BUFFER ZONES.—*

7 *(1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this Act shall be*  
8 *construed to create buffer zones outside of Fort San*  
9 *Gerónimo del Boquerón.*

10 *(2) ACTIVITY OR USE OUTSIDE FORT SAN*  
11 *GERÓNIMO DEL BOQUERÓN.—The fact that an activ-*  
12 *ity or use can be seen, heard, or detected from within*  
13 *Fort San Gerónimo del Boquerón shall not preclude,*  
14 *limit, control, regulate, or determine the conduct or*  
15 *management of activities or uses outside of Fort San*  
16 *Gerónimo del Boquerón.*

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