

118TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 10306

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 5, 2024

Mr. GOOD of Virginia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Blue Ridge Fire Safety  
5 Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR EMERGENCY EXIT, BLUE RIDGE**  
2 **PARKWAY.**

3 Section 2 of the Act of June 30, 1936 (49 Stat. 2041,  
4 chapter 883; 54 Stat. 250, chapter 277; 16 U.S.C. 460a–  
5 3), is amended—

6 (1) by striking “Secretary of the Interior may  
7 issue” and inserting the following: “Secretary of the  
8 Interior—

9 “(1) may issue”;

10 (2) by striking the period at the end and insert-  
11 ing “; and”; and

12 (3) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(2) shall issue the right-of-way generally de-  
14 picted as ‘Proposed Egress’ on the map entitled  
15 ‘Blue Ridge Parkway, Proposed Wintergreen Emer-  
16 gency Egress Near Milepost 9.6’, numbered 601/  
17 194,694, and dated September 2024, if the Sec-  
18 retary certifies that—

19 “(A) an evaluation has been completed of  
20 alternatives to the right-of-way for egress that  
21 do not cross Federal land that includes evalu-  
22 ating whether existing trails can be converted to  
23 roads;

24 “(B) an analysis of expected fire ecology  
25 behavior in the event of a fire emergency has

1           been completed with respect to the right-of-way;  
2           and

3           “(C) any required reviews with respect to  
4           the right-of-way have been completed in accord-  
5           ance with—

6           “(i) the National Environmental Pol-  
7           icy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.);  
8           and

9           “(ii) division A of subtitle III of title  
10          54, United States Code.”.

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