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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Resources

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Reported by Mr. MANCHIN, without amendment

AN ACT

To amend chapter 3081 of title 54, United States Code,
to enhance the protection and preservation of America's
battlefields.

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 “American Battlefield
5 Protection Program Enhancement Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMERICAN BATTLEFIELD PROTECTION PROGRAM**
2 **IMPROVEMENTS.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 308101 of title 54,
4 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

5 **“§ 308101. Definitions**

6 “In this chapter:

7 “(1) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means
8 the Secretary, acting through the American Battle-
9 field Protection Program.

10 “(2) BATTLEFIELD REPORTS.—The term ‘Bat-
11 tlefield Reports’ means, collectively—

12 “(A) the document entitled ‘Report on the
13 Nation’s Civil War Battlefields’, prepared by
14 the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission, and
15 dated July 1993; and

16 “(B) the document entitled ‘Report to
17 Congress on the Historic Preservation of Revo-
18 lutionary War and War of 1812 Sites in the
19 United States’, prepared by the National Park
20 Service, and dated September 2007.”.

21 (b) PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE.—Section
22 308102(a) of title 54, United States Code, is amended by
23 striking “Federal” and all that follows through “organiza-
24 tions” and inserting “Federal agencies, States, Tribes,
25 local governments, other public entities, educational insti-
26 tutions, and nonprofit organizations”.

1 (c) BATTLEFIELD LAND ACQUISITION GRANTS IM-
2 PROVEMENTS.—Section 308103 of title 54, United States
3 Code, is amended—

4 (1) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-
5 lows:

6 “(a) ELIGIBLE SITE DEFINED.—In this section, the
7 term ‘eligible site’—

8 “(1) means a site that—

9 “(A) is not within the exterior boundaries
10 of a unit of the National Park System; and

11 “(B) is identified in the Battlefield Reports
12 as a battlefield; and

13 “(2) excludes sites identified in the Battlefield
14 Reports as associated historic sites.”;

15 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “State and
16 local governments” and inserting “States, Tribes,
17 local governments, and nonprofit organizations”;

18 (3) in subsection (c), by striking “State or local
19 government” and inserting “State, Tribe, or local
20 government”; and

21 (4) in subsection (e), by striking “under this
22 section” and inserting “under this section, including
23 by States, Tribes, local governments, and nonprofit
24 organizations,”.

1 (d) BATTLEFIELD RESTORATION GRANTS IMPROVE-
2 MENTS.—Section 308105 of title 54, United States Code,
3 is amended—

4 (1) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-
5 lows:

6 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall estab-
7 lish a battlefield restoration grant program (referred to
8 in this section as the ‘program’) under which the Secretary
9 may provide grants to States, Tribes, local governments,
10 and nonprofit organizations for projects that restore day-
11 of-battle conditions on—

12 “(1) land preserved and protected under the
13 battlefield acquisition grant program established
14 under section 308103(b); or

15 “(2) battlefield land that is—

16 “(A) owned by a State, Tribe, local govern-
17 ment, or nonprofit organization; and

18 “(B) referred to in the Battlefield Re-
19 ports.”; and

20 (2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the
21 following:

22 “(b) ELIGIBLE SITES.—The Secretary may make
23 grants under this section for Revolutionary War, War of
24 1812, and Civil War battlefield sites—

1 “(1) eligible for assistance under the battlefield
2 acquisition grant program established under section
3 308103(b); or

4 “(2) on battlefield land that is—

5 “(A) owned by a State, Tribe, local govern-
6 ment, or nonprofit organization; and

7 “(B) referred to in the Battlefield Re-
8 ports.”.

9 (e) UPDATES AND IMPROVEMENTS.—Chapter 3081
10 of title 54, United States Code, is amended by adding at
11 the end the following:

12 **“§ 308106. Updates and improvements to Battlefield**
13 **Reports**

14 “Not later than 2 years after the date of the enact-
15 ment of this section, and every 10 years thereafter, the
16 Secretary shall submit to Congress a report that updates
17 the Battlefield Reports to reflect—

18 “(1) preservation activities carried out at the
19 battlefields in the period since the publication of the
20 most recent Battlefield Reports update;

21 “(2) changes in the condition, including core
22 and study areas, of the battlefields during that pe-
23 riod; and

24 “(3) any other relevant developments relating
25 to the battlefields during that period.”.

1 (f) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
2 for chapter 3081 of title 54, United States Code, is
3 amended as follows:

4 (1) By amending the item relating to section
5 308101 to read as follows:

“308101. Definitions.”.

6 (2) By adding at the end the following:

“308106. Updates and improvements to Battlefield Reports.”.

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