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H. R. 7175

To amend section 805 of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to provide for a lifetime pass for access to Federal recreational lands and waters, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana (for himself and Mr. POLIS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. LIFETIME ACCESS TO RECREATIONAL LANDS**
4 **AND WATERS.**

5 Section 805 of the Federal Lands Recreation En-
6 hancement Act (15 U.S.C. 6804) is amended by adding
7 at the end of the following:

1 “(g) LIFETIME ACCESS TO RECREATIONAL LANDS
2 AND WATERS.—

3 “(1) AVAILABILITY AND USE.—The Secretary
4 shall establish, and may charge a fee for, a lifetime
5 interagency national pass to be known as the ‘Recreational
6 Access for Life Pass’, which shall cover the
7 entrance fee and standard amenity recreation fee for
8 all Federal recreation lands and waters for which an
9 entrance fee or standard amenity recreation fee is
10 charged.

11 “(2) NONTRANSFERABLE.—The lifetime pass
12 shall not be transferable.

13 “(h) MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—

15 “(A) INTENT.—It is the intent of the Con-
16 gress that the Secretary shall not use amounts
17 made available under subsection (g)(3) as an
18 opportunity to reduce resources for priority de-
19 ferred maintenance projects (including other in-
20 frastructure deficiencies directly related to such
21 deferred maintenance projects).

22 “(B) REQUIRED MAINTENANCE OF EF-
23 FORT.—Except as provided in paragraph (2),
24 no priority deferred maintenance project (in-
25 cluding other infrastructure deficiencies directly

1 related to a priority deferred maintenance
2 project) shall receive funds made available
3 under subsection (g)(3) during any fiscal year
4 when the expenditures for priority deferred
5 maintenance projects with amounts from other
6 sources will be less than during the preceding
7 fiscal year.

8 “(2) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary may provide
9 funds made available under subsection (g)(3) to a
10 deferred maintenance project not meeting the re-
11 quirements of paragraph (1) if the Secretary deter-
12 mines that a reduction in expenditures is attrib-
13 utable to a nonselective reduction in expenditures for
14 the programs of all executive branch agencies of the
15 National Park Service.

16 “(3) USE OF FUND TO MEET MATCHING RE-
17 QUIREMENTS.—All funds received by the Secretary
18 under subsection (g)(3) shall be treated as Federal
19 funds for purposes of compliance with any provision
20 in effect under any other law requiring that non-
21 Federal funds be used to provide a portion of the
22 funding for any program or project.”.

23 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL REPORT ON REVENUE.**

24 Not later than January 31 of each year, the Sec-
25 retary shall submit to Congress a report on reasonable fees

1 for recreation activities offered by the National Park Serv-
2 ice to determine—

3 (1) the aggregate change of funds;

4 (2) the impact on the National Park Service or
5 Federal lands due to fee change decisions;

6 (3) the difference between the amount of funds
7 reported under paragraph (1) and the costs reported
8 under paragraph (2); and

9 (4) a calculation of the change in participation
10 based on paragraph (3).

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