

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

# H. R. 2768

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## AN ACT

To amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Benton MacKaye Trail as a national scenic trail.

1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2        *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Benton MacKaye Na-  
3 tional Scenic Trail Feasibility Study Act of 2026”.

4 **SEC. 2. BENTON MACKAYE NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL FEASI-**  
5 **BILITY STUDY.**

6 Section 5(c) of the National Trails System Act (16  
7 U.S.C. 1244(c)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
8 lowing:

9 “(50) BENTON MACKAYE TRAIL.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Benton MacKaye  
11 Trail, a scenic, nonmotorized trail that tra-  
12 verses approximately 287 miles in the States of  
13 Georgia, Tennessee, and North Carolina.

14 “(B) STUDY.—Not later than 2 years after  
15 the date of the enactment of this paragraph,  
16 the Secretary of Agriculture, in consultation  
17 with interested organizations, including the  
18 Benton MacKaye Trail Association, shall com-  
19 plete and submit to Congress the feasibility  
20 study for designating the Benton MacKaye  
21 Trail as a national scenic trail.”.

Passed the House of Representatives June 2, 2026.

Attest:

*Clerk.*



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