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# H. R. 4604

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MOORE of West Virginia (for himself and Mr. ZINKE) 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

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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 “Protecting America’s  
5 Treasures by Raising Inflow from Overseas Tourists (PA-  
6 TRIOT) Parks Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SURCHARGE FOR INTERNATIONAL VISITORS TO**  
2 **UNITS OF THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM.**

3 (a) **ENTRANCE FEE SURCHARGE.**—Section 803(e) of  
4 the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16  
5 U.S.C. 6802(e)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
6 lowing:

7 “(3) **ENTRANCE FEE SURCHARGE FOR INTER-**  
8 **NATIONAL VISITORS.**—

9 “(A) **DEFINITION OF INTERNATIONAL VIS-**  
10 **ITOR.**—In this paragraph, the term ‘inter-  
11 national visitor’ means a nonimmigrant indi-  
12 vidual admitted into the United States under—

13 “(i) section 101(a)(15)(B) of the Im-  
14 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.  
15 1101(a)(15)(B)); or

16 “(ii) section 217 of the Immigration  
17 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1187).

18 “(B) **ENTRANCE FEE SURCHARGE.**—

19 “(i) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as pro-  
20 vided in subparagraph (C), for any unit of  
21 the National Park System for which an en-  
22 trance fee is charged, the Secretary may,  
23 at the election of the Secretary, or shall,  
24 on request of the superintendent of the ap-  
25 plicable unit of the National Park System,  
26 authorize the superintendent of the appli-

1 cable unit of the National Park System to  
2 establish for any international visitors  
3 charged the entrance fee a surcharge in an  
4 amount established by the superintendent  
5 of the applicable unit of the National Park  
6 System, by regulation, to be collected by  
7 the Secretary in accordance with this para-  
8 graph.

9 “(ii) DETERMINATION OF SURCHARGE  
10 AMOUNT.—In establishing the amount of a  
11 surcharge under clause (i), the super-  
12 intendent of the applicable unit of the Na-  
13 tional Park System shall ensure that the  
14 amount maximizes revenue for the applica-  
15 ble unit of the National Park System while  
16 retaining international visitation at the ap-  
17 plicable unit of the National Park System.

18 “(iii) PER-VEHICLE FEE.—In a case  
19 in which an entrance fee to a unit of the  
20 National Park System subject to a sur-  
21 charge under clause (i) is a per-vehicle  
22 charge, the Secretary shall establish, by  
23 regulation, a process for the super-  
24 intendent of the applicable unit of the Na-  
25 tional Park System to proportionately levy

1 and collect the surcharge from inter-  
2 national visitors under that clause.

3 “(iv) METHODS OF COLLECTION.—A  
4 surcharge established under clause (i) shall  
5 be collected—

6 “(I) by the Secretary, using the  
7 standard methods by which entrance  
8 fees may be collected for a unit of the  
9 National Park System under this sec-  
10 tion; and

11 “(II) if the Secretary enters into  
12 an agreement with a third-party travel  
13 vendor to provide for the collection of  
14 the surcharge, by the applicable third-  
15 party travel vendor, in accordance  
16 with the agreement.

17 “(v) SUSPENSION OR MODIFICATION;  
18 INCREASE.—

19 “(I) SUSPENSION OR MODIFICA-  
20 TION.—At the election of the Sec-  
21 retary or on request of the super-  
22 intendent of a unit of the National  
23 Park System at which a surcharge is  
24 established under clause (i), the Sec-  
25 retary may suspend the collection of,

1 or otherwise modify, the surcharge for  
2 the applicable unit of the National  
3 Park System, including providing for  
4 tiered pricing of the surcharge based  
5 on visitation levels at the unit of the  
6 National Park System, as determined  
7 appropriate by the Secretary.

8 “(II) INCREASE.—The Secretary  
9 may establish a minimum percentage  
10 increase that shall apply to a sur-  
11 charge established by a super-  
12 intendent under clause (i) within an  
13 applicable timeframe established by  
14 the Secretary.

15 “(vi) VISA FEES; ADMINISTRATION.—  
16 A surcharge established under clause (i)—

17 “(I) shall be in addition to, and  
18 separate from, any statutory immi-  
19 grant visa fee charged to an inter-  
20 national visitor; and

21 “(II) shall not be subject to ad-  
22 ministration by the Secretary of State  
23 or the Secretary of Homeland Secu-  
24 rity.

1           “(vii) DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.—  
2           Notwithstanding any other provision of  
3           law, all proceeds from a surcharge on  
4           international visitors collected under this  
5           paragraph shall be retained by the applica-  
6           ble unit of the National Park System at  
7           which the surcharge was collected, to be  
8           distributed by the Secretary for mainte-  
9           nance, visitor services, staffing, and related  
10          needs at the unit of the National Park  
11          System, as determined appropriate by the  
12          Secretary.

13          “(C) EXCEPTIONS.—The following excep-  
14          tions to the surcharge authorized under sub-  
15          paragraph (B) apply:

16                 “(i) No surcharge may be applied to  
17                 the entrance fee to Washington Monument  
18                 in the District of Columbia.

19                 “(ii) If a unit of the National Park  
20                 System has been designated as an Inter-  
21                 national Peace Park by an Act of Congress  
22                 and is subject to a Memorandum of Under-  
23                 standing with the government of a foreign  
24                 country relating to management or stew-  
25                 ardship of the unit, no surcharge may be

1           applied to the entrance fee of a national of  
2           that foreign country for entry onto that  
3           unit from an entry point within the United  
4           States.”.

5           (b) RECREATION PASSES.—Section 805(a) of the  
6 Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16 U.S.C.  
7 6804(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

8           “(11) SURCHARGE FOR CERTAIN INTER-  
9 NATIONAL VISITORS.—

10           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall  
11 establish, by regulation, a surcharge to be col-  
12 lected from the sale of any National Parks and  
13 Federal Recreational Lands Pass to an inter-  
14 national visitor (as defined in section  
15 803(e)(3)(A)), the amount of which may be in-  
16 creased by the Secretary in a percentage and in  
17 a timeframe determined to be reasonable by the  
18 Secretary.

19           “(B) DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.—Not-  
20 withstanding any other provision of law, any  
21 amounts collected as a surcharge under sub-  
22 paragraph (A) shall be deposited in the Na-  
23 tional Parks and Public Land Legacy Restora-

1           tion Fund established by section 200402(a) of  
2           title 54, United States Code.”.

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