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Resources

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement with the Gateway Arch Park Foundation to host private events in Gateway Arch National Park buildings, and for other purposes.

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 “Gateway Partnership
3 Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) FOUNDATION.—The term “Foundation”
7 means the Gateway Arch Park Foundation, a non-
8 profit organization that serves as the official philan-
9 thropic partner of the Park.

10 (2) PARK.—The term “Park” means Gateway
11 Arch National Park.

12 (3) PARK BUILDING.—The term “Park build-
13 ing” means—

14 (A) the Arch Visitor Center;

15 (B) the Old Courthouse; and

16 (C) any other building administered or
17 managed by the Secretary as part of the Park
18 that is open to the public.

19 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
20 the Secretary of the Interior.

21 **SEC. 3. GATEWAY ARCH NATIONAL PARK PARTNER AGREE-
22 MENT PILOT PROJECT.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in accordance with
24 subsection (b), may enter into a one-time agreement for
25 a period not to exceed five years with the Foundation to

1 host private events at the Park, which may include the
2 use of Park buildings.

3 (b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—An agreement en-
4 tered into under subsection (a) shall include terms and
5 conditions to protect the resources and values of the Park,
6 including—

7 (1) dates and times during which the Founda-
8 tion may be the exclusive organization that holds a
9 special event in specified Park buildings;

10 (2)(A) the maximum number of events that can
11 be held per month; and

12 (B) appropriate National Park Service staffing
13 levels necessary to ensure public safety and resource
14 protection during such events;

15 (3) liability insurance in an amount sufficient
16 to protect the interests of the United States that
17 lists the United States as additionally insured;

18 (4) a provision stating that the Federal Govern-
19 ment and agents and employees of the Federal Gov-
20 ernment will not be held liable for claims for dam-
21 ages or suits for any injuries or deaths from any
22 cause resulting from the occupancy and use of speci-
23 fied Park buildings by the Foundation;

24 (5) a provision allowing for the modification or
25 cancellation of the terms and conditions of the

1 agreement, except that any modified agreement shall
2 still comply with the terms and conditions described
3 in subparagraphs (1) through (4); and

4 (6) any other terms and conditions as the Sec-
5 retary considers appropriate.

6 (c) USE.—Private events hosted at the Park or in
7 Park buildings through an agreement entered into under
8 subsection (a)—

9 (1) shall be limited to activities—

10 (A) consistent with the purposes of the
11 Park; and

12 (B) compatible with National Park Service
13 programs;

14 (2) shall not include activities that degrade the
15 integrity, appearance, or purposes of the Park; and

16 (3) shall not take place during times or in loca-
17 tions that prevent or disrupt public use or access to
18 the Park or Park buildings.

19 (d) RECOVERY OF COSTS.—In entering into an agree-
20 ment under subsection (a), the Secretary—

21 (1) shall charge a fee to cover the cost of main-
22 taining the Park and Park buildings with respect to
23 wear and tear resulting from the private events; and

24 (2) notwithstanding any other provision of law,
25 may recover all costs incurred as a result of the pri-

1 vate events and use of the Park and Park buildings,
2 including maintenance, utilities, administrative ex-
3 penses, security, and personnel costs.

4 (e) NATIONAL PARK SERVICE-SPONSORED
5 EVENTS.—Nothing in this Act prevents the National Park
6 Service from hosting events or issuing permits to other
7 individuals or entities for special events or otherwise, as
8 appropriate, in the Park or Park buildings.

9 (f) SUNSET.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The authority to enter into
11 and carry out an agreement with the Foundation
12 pursuant to this Act shall sunset on the date that
13 is 7 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

14 (2) EFFECT ON EXISTING AGREEMENT.—Any
15 existing agreement entered into under this section
16 shall terminate, notwithstanding any terms within
17 such agreement, on the date that is 7 years after the
18 date of enactment of this Act.

19 (g) SAVING CLAUSE.—Nothing in this Act affects any
20 other authority of the Secretary to issue special use per-
21 mits or agreements.

22 (h) Not later than 4 years after the date of enactment
23 of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee
24 on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and
25 the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the

