

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6365

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 4, 2026

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources

AN ACT

To require the Secretary of the Interior to issue a right-of-way for an emergency exit on certain National Park Service land in the State of Virginia, 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 “Wintergreen Emer-
3 gency Egress Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR EMERGENCY EXIT, BLUE RIDGE**
5 **PARKWAY.**

6 Section 2 of the Act of June 30, 1936 (49 Stat. 2041,
7 chapter 883; 54 Stat. 250, chapter 277; 16 U.S.C. 460a–
8 3), is amended—

9 (1) by striking “Secretary of the Interior may
10 issue” and inserting the following: “Secretary of the
11 Interior—

12 “(1) may issue”;

13 (2) by striking the period at the end and insert-
14 ing “; and”; and

15 (3) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(2) shall issue the right-of-way generally de-
17 picted as ‘Proposed Egress’ on the map entitled
18 ‘Blue Ridge Parkway, Proposed Wintergreen Emer-
19 gency Egress Near Milepost 9.6’, numbered 601/
20 194,694, and dated September 2024, if the Sec-
21 retary reports to the Committee on Natural Re-
22 sources of the House of Representatives and the
23 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the
24 Senate that—

25 “(A) an evaluation has been completed of
26 alternatives to the right-of-way for egress that

1 do not cross Federal land that includes evalu-
2 ating whether existing trails can be converted to
3 roads;

4 “(B) an analysis of expected fire ecology
5 behavior in the event of a fire emergency has
6 been completed with respect to the right-of-way;
7 and

8 “(C) any required reviews with respect to
9 the right-of-way have been completed in accord-
10 ance with—

11 “(i) the National Environmental Pol-
12 icy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.);
13 and

14 “(ii) division A of subtitle III of title
15 54, United States Code.”.

Passed the House of Representatives March 3,
2026.

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.