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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. TILLIS (for himself and Mr. BUDD) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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 “National Park System
5 Long-Term Lease Investment Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND CERTAIN LEASES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior
8 (acting through the Director of the National Park Service)
9 (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”) may extend

1 a lease entered into under part 18 of title 36, Code of
2 Federal Regulations (as in effect on January 3, 2025),
3 without complying with the requirements of sections 18.7
4 or 18.8 of that part, if—

5 (1) the lessee—

6 (A) entered into the lease not less than 5
7 years before the date on which the extension
8 takes effect; and

9 (B) is in compliance with the terms and
10 conditions of the lease; and

11 (2) the Secretary determines that extending the
12 lease is in the best interests of the administration of
13 the applicable unit of the National Park System.

14 (b) REVISION OF REGULATION.—Not later than 90
15 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
16 shall revise part 18 of title 36, Code of Federal Regula-
17 tions, to reflect the authority granted under subsection
18 (a).

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