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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. NORTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Natural Resources

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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 Mall Revital-
5 ization and Designation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMEMORATIVE WORKS IN**
7 **THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND ITS ENVI-**
8 **RONS.**

9 (a) MODIFICATION OF AREA I AND AREA II BOUND-
10 ARIES.—Section 8908 of title 40, United States Code, is
11 amended—

12 (1) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
13 section (d); and

14 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
15 lowing new subsection:

16 “(c) MODIFICATION OF AREA I AND AREA II BOUND-
17 ARIES.—

18 “(1) MODIFICATION AUTHORITY.—The Na-
19 tional Capital Planning Commission, in the sole ex-
20 ercise of its discretion, may modify the boundaries
21 of Area I and Area II, as depicted on the map re-
22 ferred to in subsection (a). A decision of the Na-
23 tional Capital Planning Commission under this para-
24 graph is not subject to review.

1 “(2) NOTIFICATION.—The National Capital
2 Planning Commission shall notify the Secretary and
3 Administrator, the National Capital Memorial Advi-
4 sory Commission, and the congressional committees
5 specified in subsection (b) of any boundary modifica-
6 tion made under the authority of this subsection.

7 “(3) CONFORMING CHANGES TO MAP.—The
8 Secretary shall revise the map referred to in sub-
9 section (a) to reflect any boundary modification
10 made under the authority of this subsection.”.

11 (b) RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING TERMINATION
12 OF AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH COMMEMORATIVE
13 WORK.—Section 8903 of such title is amended by adding
14 at the end the following new subsection:

15 “(f) RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING TERMINATION
16 OF LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of the Inte-
17 rior or the Administrator of General Services may submit
18 a recommendation to Congress that the legislative author-
19 ity for a commemorative work be terminated before the
20 expiration date applicable to the work under subsection
21 (e) if the Secretary or the Administrator determines the
22 person authorized to establish the work does not possess
23 the capacity or resources to successfully complete the
24 project before that expiration date.”.

1 (c) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGES TO COM-
2 MEMORATIVE WORKS PROCESS.—

3 (1) PREPARATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS.—

4 The National Capital Planning Commission shall
5 prepare recommendations to improve upon the proc-
6 ess required by chapter 89 of title 40, United States
7 Code, for the selection, design, and subject matter of
8 commemorative works in the District of Columbia
9 and its environs.

10 (2) SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS.—In the prepa-
11 ration of recommendations under paragraph (1), the
12 National Capital Planning Commission shall—

13 (A) consult with the National Park Service
14 and other appropriate Federal and local agen-
15 cies, recognized national leaders in culture and
16 development, and other interested persons; and

17 (B) take into account the Memorials and
18 Museums Master Plan prepared by National
19 Capital Planning Commission in 2001 and the
20 Legacy Plan prepared by National Capital
21 Planning Commission in 1997.

22 (3) SUBMISSION OF RECOMMENDATIONS.—Not
23 later than one year after the date of the enactment
24 of this Act, the National Capital Planning Commis-
25 sion shall submit the recommendations prepared

1 under paragraph (1) to the Secretary of the Interior,
2 the Administrator of General Services, the National
3 Capital Memorial Advisory Commission, the Com-
4 mittee on House Administration, the Committee on
5 Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Com-
6 mittee on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-
7 resentatives, and the Committee on Energy and Nat-
8 ural Resources of the Senate.

9 (d) PLAN FOR NATIONAL MALL VISITOR ENHANCE-
10 MENT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the en-
11 actment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall
12 submit a plan to enhance visitor enjoyment, amenities, cul-
13 tural experiences in, and the vitality of the National Mall,
14 as defined in section 8908 of title 40, United States Code,
15 to the Committee on House Administration, the Com-
16 mittee on Natural Resources, and the Committee on
17 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
18 resentatives, and the Committee on Energy and Natural
19 Resources of the Senate.

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