

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3448

AN ACT

To amend chapter 3081 of title 54, United States Code, to enhance the protection and preservation of America's battlefields.

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 “American Battlefield
3 Protection Program Enhancement Act of 2023”.

4 **SEC. 2. AMERICAN BATTLEFIELD PROTECTION PROGRAM**
5 **IMPROVEMENTS.**

6 (a) **DEFINITIONS.**—Section 308101 of title 54,
7 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

8 **“§ 308101. Definitions**

9 “In this chapter:

10 “(1) **SECRETARY.**—The term ‘Secretary’ means
11 the Secretary, acting through the American Battle-
12 field Protection Program.

13 “(2) **BATTLEFIELD REPORTS.**—The term ‘Bat-
14 tlefield Reports’ means, collectively—

15 “(A) the document entitled ‘Report on the
16 Nation’s Civil War Battlefields’, prepared by
17 the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission, and
18 dated July 1993; and

19 “(B) the document entitled ‘Report to
20 Congress on the Historic Preservation of Revo-
21 lutionary War and War of 1812 Sites in the
22 United States’, prepared by the National Park
23 Service, and dated September 2007.”.

24 (b) **PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE.**—Section
25 308102(a) of title 54, United States Code, is amended by
26 striking “Federal” and all that follows through “organiza-

1 tions” and inserting “Federal agencies, States, Tribes,
2 local governments, other public entities, educational insti-
3 tutions, and nonprofit organizations”.

4 (c) BATTLEFIELD LAND ACQUISITION GRANTS IM-
5 PROVEMENTS.—Section 308103 of title 54, United States
6 Code, is amended—

7 (1) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-
8 lows:

9 “(a) ELIGIBLE SITE DEFINED.—In this section, the
10 term ‘eligible site’—

11 “(1) means a site that—

12 “(A) is not within the exterior boundaries
13 of a unit of the National Park System; and

14 “(B) is identified in the Battlefield Reports
15 as a battlefield; and

16 “(2) excludes sites identified in the Battlefield
17 Reports as associated historic sites.”;

18 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “State and
19 local governments” and inserting “States, Tribes,
20 local governments, and nonprofit organizations”;

21 (3) in subsection (c), by striking “State or local
22 government” and inserting “State, Tribe, or local
23 government”; and

24 (4) in subsection (e), by striking “under this
25 section” and inserting “under this section, including

1 by States, Tribes, local governments, and nonprofit
2 organizations,”.

3 (d) BATTLEFIELD RESTORATION GRANTS IMPROVE-
4 MENTS.—Section 308105 of title 54, United States Code,
5 is amended—

6 (1) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-
7 lows:

8 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall estab-
9 lish a battlefield restoration grant program (referred to
10 in this section as the ‘program’) under which the Secretary
11 may provide grants to States, Tribes, local governments,
12 and nonprofit organizations for projects that restore day-
13 of-battle conditions on—

14 “(1) land preserved and protected under the
15 battlefield acquisition grant program established
16 under section 308103(b); or

17 “(2) battlefield land that is—

18 “(A) owned by a State, Tribe, local govern-
19 ment, or nonprofit organization; and

20 “(B) referred to in the Battlefield Re-
21 ports.”; and

22 (2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the
23 following:

1 “(b) ELIGIBLE SITES.—The Secretary may make
2 grants under this section for Revolutionary War, War of
3 1812, and Civil War battlefield sites—

4 “(1) eligible for assistance under the battlefield
5 acquisition grant program established under section
6 308103(b); or

7 “(2) on battlefield land that is—

8 “(A) owned by a State, Tribe, local govern-
9 ment, or nonprofit organization; and

10 “(B) referred to in the Battlefield Re-
11 ports.”.

12 (e) UPDATES AND IMPROVEMENTS.—Chapter 3081
13 of title 54, United States Code, is amended by adding at
14 the end the following:

15 **“§ 308106. Updates and improvements to Battlefield**
16 **Reports**

17 “Not later than 2 years after the date of the enact-
18 ment of this section, and every 10 years thereafter, the
19 Secretary shall submit to Congress a report that updates
20 the Battlefield Reports to reflect—

21 “(1) preservation activities carried out at the
22 battlefields in the period since the publication of the
23 most recent Battlefield Reports update;

1 “(2) changes in the condition, including core
2 and study areas, of the battlefields during that pe-
3 riod; and

4 “(3) any other relevant developments relating
5 to the battlefields during that period.”.

6 (f) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
7 for chapter 3081 of title 54, United States Code, is
8 amended as follows:

9 (1) By amending the item relating to section
10 308101 to read as follows:

“308101. Definitions.”.

11 (2) By adding at the end the following:

“308106. Updates and improvements to Battlefield Reports.”.

Passed the House of Representatives November 6,
2023.

Attest:

Clerk.

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