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# H. R. 3448

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Reported by Mr. MANCHIN, without amendment

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## 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “American Battlefield

5 Protection Program Enhancement Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMERICAN BATTLEFIELD PROTECTION PROGRAM**  
2 **IMPROVEMENTS.**

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

5 **“§ 308101. Definitions**

6 “In this chapter:

7 “(1) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means  
8 the Secretary, acting through the American Battle-  
9 field Protection Program.

10 “(2) BATTLEFIELD REPORTS.—The term ‘Bat-  
11 tlefield Reports’ means, collectively—

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

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

21 (b) PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE.—Section  
22 308102(a) of title 54, United States Code, is amended by  
23 striking “Federal” and all that follows through “organiza-  
24 tions” and inserting “Federal agencies, States, Tribes,  
25 local governments, other public entities, educational insti-  
26 tutions, and nonprofit organizations”.

1 (c) BATTLEFIELD LAND ACQUISITION GRANTS IM-  
2 PROVEMENTS.—Section 308103 of title 54, United States  
3 Code, is amended—

4 (1) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-  
5 lows:

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

8 “(1) means a site that—

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

11 “(B) is identified in the Battlefield Reports  
12 as a battlefield; and

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

15 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “State and  
16 local governments” and inserting “States, Tribes,  
17 local governments, and nonprofit organizations”;

18 (3) in subsection (c), by striking “State or local  
19 government” and inserting “State, Tribe, or local  
20 government”; and

21 (4) in subsection (e), by striking “under this  
22 section” and inserting “under this section, including  
23 by States, Tribes, local governments, and nonprofit  
24 organizations,”.

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

4 (1) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-  
5 lows:

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

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

15 “(2) battlefield land that is—

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

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

20 (2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the  
21 following:

22 “(b) ELIGIBLE SITES.—The Secretary may make  
23 grants under this section for Revolutionary War, War of  
24 1812, and Civil War battlefield sites—

1           “(1) eligible for assistance under the battlefield  
2 acquisition grant program established under section  
3 308103(b); or

4           “(2) on battlefield land that is—

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

7                 “(B) referred to in the Battlefield Re-  
8 ports.”.

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

12   **“§ 308106. Updates and improvements to Battlefield**  
13                 **Reports**

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

18                 “(1) preservation activities carried out at the  
19 battlefields in the period since the publication of the  
20 most recent Battlefield Reports update;

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

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

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

4           (1) By amending the item relating to section  
5           308101 to read as follows:

“308101. Definitions.”.

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

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



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