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To repeal the requirement directing the Administrator of General Services to sell Federal property in Plum Island, New York, and to establish certain requirements for its final disposition including preservation of the island for conservation, education, and research, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 6, 2019

Mr. ZELDIN (for himself, Ms. DeLauro, Miss Rice of New York, Mr. Engel, Mr. Larson of Connecticut, Mr. Suozzi, Ms. Meng, Mr. King of New York, Mr. Langevin, and Mr. Delgado) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To repeal the requirement directing the Administrator of General Services to sell Federal property in Plum Island, New York, and to establish certain requirements for its final disposition including preservation of the island for conservation, education, and research, 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 “Plum Island Preserva-
3 tion Act of 2019”.

4 **SEC. 2. REPEAL OF REQUIREMENT TO SELL CERTAIN FED-
5 ERAL PROPERTY IN PLUM ISLAND, NEW
6 YORK.**

7 (a) SALE.—Section 540 of title V of division D of
8 the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Con-
9 tinuing Appropriations Act, 2009 (Public Law 110–329;
10 122 Stat. 3688) is repealed.

11 (b) DETERMINATION.—Section 538 of title V of divi-
12 sion D of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012
13 (Public Law 112–74; 125 Stat. 976) is repealed.

14 **SEC. 3. PRESERVATION OF PLUM ISLAND, NEW YORK FOR
15 CONSERVATION, EDUCATION, AND RE-
16 SEARCH.**

17 In the case of the disposition of Plum Island, New
18 York, the property and assets subject to such disposition
19 shall, under chapter 5 of subtitle I of title 40, United
20 States Code, be limited to the purposes of conservation,
21 education, and research.

22 **SEC. 4. SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY OF PLUM ISLAND LIGHT
23 STATION.**

24 (a) SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY.—

25 (1) STUDY.—The Secretary shall conduct a spe-
26 cial resource study of the study area.

1 (2) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study under
2 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

3 (A) evaluate the national significance of
4 the study area;

5 (B) determine the suitability and feasibility
6 of designating the study area as a unit of the
7 National Park System;

8 (C) consider other alternatives for preser-
9 vation, protection, and interpretation of the
10 study area by the Federal Government, State or
11 local government entities, or private and non-
12 profit organizations;

13 (D) consult with interested Federal agen-
14 cies, State or local governmental entities, pri-
15 vate and nonprofit organizations, or any other
16 interested individuals; and

17 (E) identify cost estimates for any Federal
18 acquisition, development, interpretation, oper-
19 ation, and maintenance associated with the al-
20 ternatives.

21 (3) APPLICABLE LAW.—The study required
22 under paragraph (1) shall be conducted in accord-
23 ance with section 100507 of title 54, United States
24 Code.

1 (4) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the
2 date on which funds are first made available for the
3 study under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall sub-
4 mit to the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
5 sources of the Senate and the Committee on Natural
6 Resources of the House of Representatives a report
7 that describes—

8 (A) the results of the study; and

9 (B) any conclusions and recommendations
10 of the Secretary.

11 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
13 the Secretary of the Interior.

14 (2) STUDY AREA.—The term “study area”
15 means Plum Island Light Station (USCG number
16 1–21090), a historic granite lighthouse originally
17 built in 1869 located on the northwest corner of
18 Plum Island, New York, and as listed on the Na-
19 tional Register of Historic Places on February 18,
20 2011.

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