

Union Calendar No. 444

117TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 7952

[Report No. 117-616]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue a right-of-way permit with respect to a natural gas distribution pipeline within Valley Forge National Historical Park, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 7, 2022

Ms. DEAN (for herself, Ms. HOULAHAN, and Mr. FITZPATRICK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

DECEMBER 12, 2022

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on June 7, 2022]

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 “Valley Forge Park Re-*
 5 *alignment Permit and Promise Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMIT FOR NATURAL GAS DIS-**
 7 **TRIBUTION MAIN SEGMENT AT VALLEY**
 8 **FORGE NHP.**

9 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Notwithstanding any other provi-*
 10 *sion of law, the Secretary may issue a right-of-way permit*
 11 *pursuant to part 14 of title 36, Code of Federal Regulations*
 12 *(as in effect on the date of the enactment of this Act), for*
 13 *the covered main segment if the covered main segment is*
 14 *relocated to a proposed realignment of Valley Forge Park*
 15 *Road and North Gulph Road within the Park.*

16 (b) *SCOPE OF AUTHORITY.*—*The authority to grant a*
 17 *right-of-way permit under subsection (a) shall apply only*
 18 *to the covered main segment and shall not apply to any*
 19 *other part of the natural gas distribution main system or*
 20 *any other pipeline system within the Park.*

21 (c) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this section:*

22 (1) *COVERED MAIN SEGMENT.*—*The term “cov-*
 23 *ered main segment” means the portions of the natural*
 24 *gas distribution main (including all appurtenances*

1 *used in the operation of such main) within the*
2 *Park—*

3 *(A) existing on the date of the enactment of*
4 *this Act; and*

5 *(B) that are located under, along, or adja-*
6 *cent to the segments of North Gulph Road and*
7 *Valley Forge Park Road (SR3039 and SR0023*
8 *respectively, as those roads were aligned on Jan-*
9 *uary 21, 2022) that are between—*

10 *(i) the intersection of North Gulph*
11 *Road with Richards Road; and*

12 *(ii) a point on Valley Forge Park*
13 *Road located 500 feet northwest of its inter-*
14 *section with County Line Road.*

15 (2) *PARK.—The term “Park” means Valley*
16 *Forge National Historical Park.*

17 (3) *SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means*
18 *the Secretary of the Interior.*

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