

119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2697

To amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to designate as a component of the National Heritage Area System the Finger Lakes National Heritage Area in the State of New York, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 7, 2025

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

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 “Finger Lakes National
5 Heritage Area Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF FINGER LAKES NATIONAL HERIT-**
2 **AGE AREA.**

3 (a) DESIGNATION.—Section 6001(a) of the John D.
4 Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation
5 Act (Public Law 116–9; 133 Stat. 768; 136 Stat. 6163)
6 is amended by adding at the end the following:

7 “(14) FINGER LAKES NATIONAL HERITAGE
8 AREA.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—There is established
10 as a component of the National Heritage Area
11 System the Finger Lakes National Heritage
12 Area in the State of New York, consisting of
13 Cayuga, Chemung, Cortland, Livingston, Mon-
14 roe, Onondaga, Ontario, Schuyler, Seneca,
15 Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins, Wayne, and Yates
16 Counties, New York.

17 “(B) LOCAL COORDINATING ENTITY.—The
18 Finger Lakes Tourism Alliance shall be the
19 local coordinating entity for the National Herit-
20 age Area designated by subparagraph (A).”.

21 (b) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—For the purposes of sec-
22 tion 6001(c) of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation,
23 Management, and Recreation Act (Public Law 116–9; 133
24 Stat. 772; 136 Stat. 6173), the local coordinating entity
25 for the Finger Lakes National Heritage Area designated
26 under the amendment made by subsection (a) shall submit

1 to the Secretary of the Interior for approval a proposed
2 management plan for the Finger Lakes National Heritage
3 Area not later than 3 years after the date of enactment
4 of this Act.

5 (c) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—For the purposes
6 of subsection (g)(4) of section 6001 of the John D. Din-
7 gell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act
8 (Public Law 116–9; 133 Stat. 776), the authority of the
9 Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance under that
10 section for the Finger Lakes National Heritage Area des-
11 ignated under the amendment made by subsection (a)
12 shall terminate on the date that is 15 years after the date
13 of enactment of this Act.

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