Public Law 99-637
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An Act

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[S. 2534]

To authorize the acquisition and development of a mainland tour boat facility for the Fort Sumter National Monument, South Carolina, and for other purposes.

Gifts and property. Public information.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in order to provide for needed facilities for visitors to Fort Sumter National Monument, including a tour boat dock and associated facilities, and an interpretive and museum facility in cooperation with the State of South Carolina and the city of Charleston, the Secretary of the Interior (in this Act referred to as the "Secretary"), is authorized to acquire by purchase with donated or appropriated funds, donation, or exchange, not to exceed 8.91 acres of lands, including submerged lands, and interests in lands, within the area generally depicted on the map entitled "Dockside II, Proposed Site, Tourboat Facility," which map shall be on file and available for public inspection in the office of the National Park Service. When acquired, lands, including submerged lands and interests in lands, depicted on such map shall be administered by the Secretary as a part of Fort Sumter National Monument, subject to the laws and regulations applicable to such monument, and subject to the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 2. (a) With respect to the lands, including submerged lands, and interests in lands acquired pursuant to the first section of this Act, the Secretary is authorized—

16 USC 460*l*-22.

(1) to convey, notwithstanding the provisions of section 5 of Public Law 90-400 (82 Stat. 356) and subject to the provisions of subsection (b), a leasehold interest in not to exceed one and a half acres to the State of South Carolina or the city of Charleston or either of them for development by either of them or their agents or lessees of a marine museum and associated administrative facilities;

(2) to grant covenants or easements for ingress, and egress to the State of South Carolina, the city of Charleston, and to other parties as the Secretary may deem necessary to facilitate public use; and

Contracts. Public buildings and grounds.

(3) to enter into cooperative agreements with the State of South Carolina, the city of Charleston, and other parties as the Secretary may deem necessary, pursuant to which construction, maintenance, and use of buildings, utilities, parking facilities, and other improvements may be shared among the parties to the agreement.

(b) Any conveyance made pursuant to subsection (a)(1) and any renewal thereof may be for a period of up to 50 years, and may include the option to purchase the property in fee by the lessee within the first 10 years, upon payment by the lessee of the cost of the property to the United States plus interest based on the average yield of United States Treasury notes with maturities of one year. The Secretary may convey title to the property in fee in the event such option to purchase is exercised, subject to the condition that

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the property is used for a public marine museum and associated administrative facilities. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any leasehold interest conveyed pursuant to subsection (a)(1) shall be conveyed without monetary consideration. The proceeds from any conveyance of property in fee pursuant to subsection (a)(1) shall be deposited in the Land and Water Conservation Fund in the Treasury of the United States.

SEC. 3. Section 117 of Public Law 96-199 (94 Stat. 71) is hereby repealed.

SEC. 4. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, sums heretofore appropriated but not, on the date of enactment of this Act, obligated for construction of a tourboat facility at the Broad Street site, and for the acquisition and construction of the Fleet landing site for Fort Sumter National Monument, which was authorized by section 117 of Public Law 96-199 (94 Stat. 71) are hereby made available for obligation for the acquisition of the lands including submerged lands, and interests in lands identified in the first section of this Act and for construction of necessary facilities thereon, and to the extent that sums heretofore appropriated for land acquisition of the Fleet landing site are not sufficient to cover the cost of acquisition of the properties identified in the first section of this Act, sums heretofore appropriated for construction of facilities at the Broad Street site and the Fleet landing site may be obligated for the purposes of acquisition as authorized in the first section of this Act.

(b) In addition to the sums made available under subsection (a), there is authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act. Appropriation authorization.

SEC. 5. The Secretary of the Interior shall transfer administrative jurisdiction over the Federal property, consisting of approximately 1 acre, known as the Broad Street site, to the Secretary of the Department in which the Coast Guard is operating, who shall transfer to the Secretary of the Interior, subject to such reservations, terms, and conditions as may be necessary for Coast Guard purposes, administrative jurisdiction over the Federal property, consisting of approximately 1 acre located near Fort Moultrie on Sullivan's Island for purposes of maintenance workshop, storage, and seasonal housing in connection with the administration and protection of the Fort Sumter National Monument. Uniformed services.

SEC. 6. (a) Not later than 45 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall receive, consider, and act on the application of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wells of Waynesboro, Mississippi, for a patent for the land described in subsection (c) of this section under the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue patents for lands held under color of title" approved December 22, 1928 (43 U.S.C. 1068 et seq.), notwithstanding the requirement of that Act that a tract of public land be held in good faith and in peaceful, adverse, possession by a claimant, his ancestors or grantors, under claim or color of title for the period commencing not later than January 1, 1901, to the date of application during which time they have paid taxes levied on the land by State and local governmental units. Patents and trademarks. Public lands. Claims. Taxes.

Minerals and mining.

(b) Any patent issued pursuant to subsection (a) shall be without any mineral reservation to the United States, and all mineral interests of the United States in and to the land described in subsection (c) shall be transferred to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wells without consideration.

(c) The land referred to in this section, comprising approximately 160 acres, is the NW¼ of Section 21, T. 10 N., R. 8 W., St. Stephens Meridian.

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