Public Law 102-320
102d Congress

An Act

To increase the authorized acreage limit for the Assateague Island National Seashore on the Maryland mainland, and for other purposes.

July 10, 1992
[S. 1254]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. INCREASE IN ACREAGE LIMIT FOR ASSATEAGUE ISLAND. Conservation.

The Act entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of the Assateague Island National Seashore in the States of Maryland and Virginia, and for other purposes", approved September 21, 1965 (16 U.S.C. 459f–1), is amended as follows:

(1) Amend the second sentence of subsection (a) of section 2 to read as follows: "The Secretary is authorized to include within the boundaries of the seashore, not to exceed 112 acres of land or interests therein on the mainland in Worcester County, Maryland.".

(2) Amend the last sentence of subsection (a) of section 2 to read as follows: "Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any Federal property located within the boundaries of the seashore may, with the concurrence of the agency having custody thereof, be transferred without consideration to the administrative jurisdiction of the Secretary for purposes of the seashore.".

(3) Add the following at the end of subsection (b) of section 2: "Notwithstanding the acreage limitation set forth in this Act, the Secretary is authorized to accept the donation of a scenic easement covering the parcel of land adjacent to the seashore and known as the 'Woodcock Property'.".

(4) Amend the first sentence of subsection (b) of section 2 to read as follows: "When acquiring lands by exchange, the Secretary may accept title to any non-Federal property within the boundaries of the seashore and convey to the grantor of such property any federally owned property under the jurisdiction of the Secretary which the Secretary classifies suitable for exchange or other disposal, and which is located in Maryland or Virginia.".

(5) Amend section 6 by adding the following new subsection at the end thereof: 16 USC 459f-5.

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"(c) The Secretary is authorized to enter into cooperative agreements with local, State, and Federal agencies and with educational institutions and nonprofit entities to coordinate research designed to ensure full protection of the natural and cultural resources of the seashore, consistent with the purposes for which the seashore was established, and other applicable law. The Secretary is also authorized to provide technical assistance to local, State, and Federal agencies and to educational institutions and non-profit entities in order to further such purposes. The Secretary shall submit a report every two years to the Congress on the results of the coordinated research program authorized by this section and plans to implement the recommendations arising from such research.".

Reports.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S. 1254:

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