

Public Law 106-563
106th Congress

An Act

To require the Secretary of the Interior to undertake a study regarding methods to commemorate the national significance of the United States roadways that comprise the Lincoln Highway, and for other purposes.

Dec. 23, 2000
[H.R. 2570]

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

Lincoln Highway
Study Act of
2000.

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Lincoln Highway Study Act of 2000”.

SEC. 2. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE STUDY AND REPORT REGARDING THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY.

(a) **FINDINGS.**—The Congress finds the following:

(1) The Lincoln Highway, established in 1913, comprises more than 3,000 miles of roadways from New York, New York, to San Francisco, California, and encompasses United States Routes 1, 20, 30 (including 30N and 30S), 40, 50, and 530 and Interstate Route 80.

(2) The Lincoln Highway played a historically significant role as the first United States transcontinental highway, providing motorists a paved route and allowing vast portions of the country to be accessible by automobile.

(3) The Lincoln Highway transverses the States of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Wyoming, Utah, Nevada, and California.

(4) Although some parts of the Lincoln Highway have disappeared or have been realigned, the many historic, cultural, and engineering features and characteristics of the route still remain.

(5) Given the interest by organized groups and State governments in the preservation of features associated with the Lincoln Highway, the route’s history, and its role in American popular culture, a coordinated evaluation of preservation options should be undertaken.

(b) **STUDY REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the National Park Service, shall coordinate a comprehensive study of routes comprising the Lincoln Highway. The study shall include an evaluation of the significance of the Lincoln Highway in American history, options for preservation and use of remaining segments of the Lincoln Highway, and options for the preservation and interpretation of significant features associated with the Lincoln Highway. The study shall also consider private sector preservation alternatives.

(c) COOPERATIVE EFFORT.—The study under subsection (b) shall provide for the participation of representatives from each State traversed by the Lincoln Highway, State historic preservation offices, representatives of associations interested in the preservation of the Lincoln Highway and its features, and persons knowledgeable in American history, historic preservation, and popular culture.

Deadline.

(d) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date on which funds are first made available for the study under subsection (b), the Secretary of the Interior shall submit a report to Congress containing the results of the study.

(e) LIMITATION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the Secretary of the Interior or the National Park Service to assume responsibility for the maintenance of any of the routes comprising the Lincoln Highway.

(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated \$500,000 to carry out this section.

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