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# H. R. 5473

To grant the consent of the Congress to the SMART Research and  
Development Compact.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 26, 2002

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. HOYER, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. COYNE, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. EHRLICH, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. FATAH, Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. GEKAS, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. GREENWOOD, Ms. HART, Mr. HOEFFEL, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. HOLT, Mr. KANJORSKI, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. PITTS, Mr. PLATTS, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. SHERWOOD, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. TOOMEY, and Mr. WYNN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Science, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. CONSENT TO COMPACT.**

2 The Congress consents to the SMART Research and  
3 Development Compact if that compact is entered into by  
4 the State of Delaware, the State of Maryland, the State  
5 of New Jersey, and the State of Pennsylvania. The com-  
6 pact reads substantially as follows:

7 “SMART RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

8 COMPACT

9 “ARTICLE I.

10 “The purpose of this compact is to promote the con-  
11 tribution of the Mid-Atlantic region to the Nation’s re-  
12 search and development in science and technology, and to  
13 create an organization for Strengthening the Mid-Atlantic  
14 Region for Tomorrow (hereinafter in this compact referred  
15 to as the ‘Organization’). The purpose of the Organization  
16 is to oversee and help facilitate the acquisition of research  
17 and development funding, and to enhance the cooperation,  
18 formation of partnerships, and sharing of information  
19 among businesses, academic institutions, laboratories, and  
20 nonprofit entities, within Delaware, Maryland, New Jer-  
21 sey, and Pennsylvania.

22 “ARTICLE II.

23 “This compact takes effect upon ratification by the  
24 States of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsyl-  
25 vania, pursuant to the consent of Congress.



1 ings and conduct studies and surveys to carry out its pur-  
2 pose. The Organization may acquire by gift or otherwise  
3 and hold and dispose of such money and property as may  
4 be provided for the proper performance of its functions,  
5 may cooperate with other public or private groups, wheth-  
6 er local, State, regional or national, having an interest in  
7 economic development, and may exercise such other pow-  
8 ers as may be appropriate to accomplish its functions and  
9 duties in connection with the development of the Organiza-  
10 tion and to carry out the purpose of this compact.

11 “ARTICLE IV.

12 “The Organization participants may, and the Blue  
13 Ribbon Commission shall, represent and originate from  
14 the following technological classes: information technology,  
15 sensors, rotorcraft technology, manufacturing technology,  
16 nanotechnology, electronics, telecommunications, chemical  
17 and biological, biomedical, opto-electric, Materials/Aero-  
18 space, and defense systems including directed energy, mis-  
19 sile defense, future combat systems, and unmanned aerial  
20 vehicles. The SMART Organization may at any time, upon  
21 approval by the Organization leadership, designate and as-  
22 sign new representatives for additional technological class-  
23 es and may at any time remove an existing class from the  
24 Organization’s activities.

## 1 “ARTICLE V.

2 “The leadership of the Organization shall appoint a  
3 full-time paid executive director, who shall be a person fa-  
4 miliar with the nature of the procedures and the signifi-  
5 cance of scientific funding, research and development, eco-  
6 nomic development, and the informational, educational,  
7 and publicity methods of stimulating general interest in  
8 such developments. The executive director may appoint  
9 the other employees of the Organization and shall be the  
10 administrative head of the Organization. The executive di-  
11 rector’s term of office shall be at the pleasure of the lead-  
12 ership of the Organization.

## 13 “ARTICLE VI.

14 “This compact shall continue in force and remain  
15 binding upon each party State until 6 months after the  
16 party State gives notice of its intent to withdraw to the  
17 other party States.”.

18 **SEC. 2. RIGHT TO ALTER, AMEND, OR REPEAL.**

19 The Congress expressly reserves the right to alter,  
20 amend, or repeal this Act.

21 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

22 There are authorized to be appropriated to the  
23 SMART Organization such sums as may be necessary to  
24 assist the Organization in carrying out its activities, in-

- 1 cluding the funding by the Organization of programs and
- 2 projects consistent with the purposes of the Organization.

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