

108TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2686

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 9, 2003

Mr. SAXTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. MOTOR VEHICLE TRANSITION AREA, BRIGAN-**
2 **TINE WILDERNESS AREA, EDWIN B. FOR-**
3 **SYTHE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, NEW**
4 **JERSEY.**

5 (a) FINDING.—Section 1(h) of Public Law 93–632
6 (88 Stat. 2153) designated the Brigantine Wilderness
7 Area in the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge
8 (formerly known as the Brigantine National Wildlife Ref-
9 uge), New Jersey, and the Secretary of the Interior was
10 directed to prepare a legal description and map to accu-
11 rately represent the boundaries of the wilderness area as
12 so designated.

13 (b) REVISION OF BOUNDARY REQUIRED.—The Sec-
14 retary of the Interior shall revise the boundaries of that
15 portion of the Brigantine Wilderness Area located on Long
16 Beach Island in Ocean County, New Jersey, to provide
17 a narrow transition zone between the mean high tide line
18 and the wilderness boundaries (but not less than 60 feet
19 in width) to permit vehicles to safely access and park on
20 the beach without inadvertently entering the wilderness
21 area. The Secretary shall determine the mean high tide
22 line for the area using information available from the
23 State of New Jersey.

24 (c) CONTINUED PROTECTION FOR PIPING PLOV-
25 ER.—Nothing in subsection (b) shall be construed to alter
26 the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to prohibit

1 or restrict public access to that portion of the Edwin B.
2 Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge and Brigantine Wilder-
3 ness Area on Long Beach Island during the breeding sea-
4 son of the piping plover.

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