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# H. R. 4376

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 18, 2006

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural  
Resources

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## AN ACT

To authorize the National Park Service to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on behalf of Springfield Technical Community College, and for other purposes.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Springfield Armory  
3 National Historic Site, Massachusetts Act of 2006”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds as follows:

6 (1) The Site commemorates the role of the  
7 Springfield Armory in the Nation’s military history,  
8 a role that the Armory served for almost 200 years.

9 (2) The role of the Springfield Armory began in  
10 1777, when the site was selected as the location for  
11 a magazine and laboratory for the development, pro-  
12 duction and storage of guns and powder during the  
13 American Revolution.

14 (3) Following the American Revolutionary War,  
15 in 1794 Congress officially established the Spring-  
16 field Armory and for much of the 19th century the  
17 Springfield Armory developed and supplied most of  
18 the military small arms manufactured by the United  
19 States for the United States Armed Services.

20 (4) In addition to its historical role in the devel-  
21 opment and manufacturing of small arms, the  
22 Springfield Armory was also the site of Shay’s Re-  
23 bellion.

24 (5) In 1968 the Armory was deactivated as a  
25 military installation and in 1974 Congress estab-  
26 lished the Springfield Armory National Historic Site.

1 A portion of the Site is administered by the National  
2 Park Service. The remainder of the Springfield Ar-  
3 mory National Historic Site, known as the “Preser-  
4 vation Control Area”, is owned and administered by  
5 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on behalf of  
6 Springfield Technical Community College.

7 (6) The Preservation Control Area contains sev-  
8 eral historic buildings that are in a state of dis-  
9 repair. The deteriorating condition of these historic  
10 buildings threatens to undermine the character and  
11 integrity of the Springfield Armory National His-  
12 toric Site and their repair, renovation, maintenance  
13 and rehabilitation is essential to the continued pres-  
14 ervation of the Site and its museum and collections.

15 **SEC. 3. PRESERVATION CONTROL AREA DEFINED.**

16 For purposes of this Act, the term “Preservation  
17 Control Area” means that portion of the Site that is  
18 owned by the Commonwealth, as defined in the Memo-  
19 randum of Understanding Between the United States and  
20 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts dated August 21,  
21 1999.

22 **SEC. 4. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE**  
23 **PRESERVATION CONTROL AREA.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior, act-  
25 ing through the National Park Service, may enter into a

1 cooperative agreement with the Commonwealth of Massa-  
2 chusetts on behalf of Springfield Technical Community  
3 College to provide financial assistance to that college for  
4 the purpose of maintaining, preserving, renovating, and  
5 rehabilitating any historic structures within the Spring-  
6 field Armory National Historic Site, including historic  
7 structures located within the Preservation Control Area.  
8 (b) FIFTY PERCENT MATCH.—The Federal share of  
9 the cost of activities carried out using any assistance or  
10 grant under this Act shall not exceed 50 percent.

Passed the House of Representatives July 17, 2006.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

*Clerk.*