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S. 642

To support certain national youth organizations, including the Boy Scouts of America, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. TALENT, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BURNS, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. SMITH, Mr. VITTER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, and Mr. NELSON of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To support certain national youth organizations, including the Boy Scouts of America, and for other purposes.

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Support our Scouts
5 Act of 2005”.

6 **SEC. 2. SUPPORT FOR YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

8 (b) IN GENERAL.—

22 (2) TYPES OF SUPPORT.—Support described
23 under paragraph (1) shall include—

24 (A) holding meetings, camping events, or
25 other activities on Federal property; and

(B) hosting any official event of such organization.

3 SEC. 3. EQUAL ACCESS FOR YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS.

4 Section 109 of the Housing and Community Develop-
5 ment Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5309) is amended—

6 (1) in the first sentence of subsection (b) by in-
7 inserting “or (e)” after “subsection (a)”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following:

9 "(e) EQUAL ACCESS.—

10 “(1) DEFINITION.—The term ‘youth organiza-
11 tion’ means any organization described under part B
12 of subtitle II of title 36, United States Code, that
13 is intended to serve individuals under the age of 21
14 years.

15 “(2) IN GENERAL.—No State or unit of general
16 local government that has a designated open forum,
17 limited public forum, or nonpublic forum and that is
18 a recipient of assistance under this chapter shall
19 deny equal access or a fair opportunity to meet to,
20 or discriminate against, any youth organization, in-
21 cluding the Boy Scouts of America or any group of-
22 ficially affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America,
23 that wishes to conduct a meeting or otherwise par-

1 ticipate in that designated open forum, limited pub-
2 lic forum, or nonpublic forum.”.

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