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H. R. 5502

To amend Public Law 106–206 to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to require annual permits and assess annual fees for commercial filming activities on Federal land for film crews of 5 persons or fewer.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 27, 2008

Mr. BOREN (for himself and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. PURPOSE.**

4 The purpose of this Act is to provide commercial film
5 crews of 5 persons or fewer access to film in areas des-

1 ignated for public use during public hours on Federal
2 lands.

3 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL PERMIT AND FEE FOR FILM CREWS OF 5**
4 **PERSONS OR FEWER.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section (1)(a) of Public Law 106–
6 206 (16 U.S.C. 460l–6d) is amended by—

7 (1) redesignating paragraphs (1), (2), and (3)
8 as subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C), respectively;

9 (2) striking “The Secretary of the Interior” and
10 inserting “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by
11 paragraph (3), the Secretary of the Interior”;

12 (3) inserting “(2) OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.—”
13 before “The Secretary may include other factors”;
14 and

15 (4) adding at the end the following new para-
16 graph:

17 “(3) SPECIAL RULES FOR FILM CREWS OF 5
18 PERSONS OR FEWER.—

19 “(A) For any film crew of 5 persons or
20 fewer, the Secretary shall require a permit and
21 assess an annual fee of \$200 for commercial
22 filming activities or similar projects on Federal
23 lands administered by the Secretary. The per-
24 mit shall be valid for commercial filming activi-
25 ties or similar projects that occur in areas des-

1 ignated for public use during public hours on
2 all Federal lands administered by the Secretary
3 for a 12-month period beginning on the date of
4 issuance of the permit.

5 “(B) For persons holding a permit de-
6 scribed in this paragraph, the Secretary shall
7 not assess, during the effective period of the
8 permit, any additional fee for commercial film-
9 ing activities and similar projects that occur in
10 areas designated for public use during public
11 hours on Federal lands administered by the
12 Secretary.

13 “(C) In this paragraph, the term ‘film
14 crew’ includes all persons present on Federal
15 land under the Secretary’s jurisdiction who are
16 associated with the production of a certain
17 film.”.

18 (b) RECOVERY OF COSTS.—Section (1)(b) of Public
19 Law 106–206 (16 U.S.C. 460l–6d) is amended by—

20 (1) striking “collect any costs” and inserting
21 “recover any costs”; and

22 (2) striking “similar project” and inserting
23 “similar projects”.

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