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To amend the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Act of 1988 regarding the local coordinating entity of the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 9, 2009

Mr. KANJORSKI (for himself, Mr. DENT, and Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

To amend the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Act of 1988 regarding the local coordinating entity of the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. DELAWARE AND LEHIGH NATIONAL HERITAGE**
4 **CORRIDOR LOCAL COORDINATING ENTITY.**

5 The Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Cor-
6 ridor Act of 1988 (16 U.S.C. 461 note; Public Law 100–
7 692) is amended—

8 (1) in section 9—

1 (A) by striking “The Commission” and in-
2 serting the following:

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Commission”; and

4 (B) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(b) CORPORATION AS LOCAL COORDINATING ENTI-
6 TY.—Beginning on the date of the enactment of this sub-
7 section, the Corporation shall be the local coordinating en-
8 tity for the Corridor.

9 “(c) IMPLEMENTATION OF MANAGEMENT PLAN.—
10 The Corporation shall assume the duties of the Commis-
11 sion for the implementation of the Plan.

12 “(d) USE OF FUNDS.—The Corporation may use
13 Federal funds made available under this Act—

14 “(1) to make grants to, and enter into coopera-
15 tive agreements with, the Federal Government, the
16 Commonwealth, political subdivisions of the Com-
17 monwealth, nonprofit organizations, and individuals;

18 “(2) to hire, train, and compensate staff; and

19 “(3) to enter into contracts for goods and serv-
20 ices.

21 “(e) RESTRICTION ON USE OF FUNDS.—The Cor-
22 poration may not use Federal funds made available under
23 this Act to acquire land or any interest in land.”;

24 (2) in section 10—

1 (A) in the first sentence of subsection (c),
2 by striking “shall assist the Commission” and
3 inserting “shall, at the request of the Corpora-
4 tion, assist”;

5 (B) in subsection (d)—

6 (i) by striking “Commission” each
7 place it appears and inserting “Corpora-
8 tion”;

9 (ii) by striking “The Secretary” and
10 inserting the following:

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary”; and

12 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
13 lowing:

14 “(2) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Sec-
15 retary may enter into cooperative agreements with
16 the Corporation and other public or private entities
17 for the purpose of providing technical assistance and
18 grants under paragraph (1).

19 “(3) PRIORITY.—In providing assistance to the
20 Corporation under paragraph (1), the Secretary
21 shall give priority to activities that assist in—

22 “(A) conserving the significant natural,
23 historic, cultural, and scenic resources of the
24 Corridor; and

1 “(B) providing educational, interpretive,
2 and recreational opportunities consistent with
3 the purposes of the Corridor.”; and

4 (C) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(e) TRANSITION MEMORANDUM OF UNDER-
6 STANDING.—The Secretary shall enter into a memo-
7 randum of understanding with the Corporation to en-
8 sure—

9 “(1) appropriate transition of management of
10 the Corridor to the Corporation; and

11 “(2) coordination regarding the implementation
12 of the Plan.”;

13 (3) in section 11, in the matter preceding para-
14 graph (1), by striking “directly affecting”;

15 (4) in section 12—

16 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “Com-
17 mission” each place it appears and inserting
18 “Corporation”;

19 (B) in subsection (c)(1), by striking
20 “2007” and inserting “2012”; and

21 (C) by adding at the end the following:

22 “(d) TERMINATION OF ASSISTANCE.—The authority
23 of the Secretary to provide financial assistance under this
24 Act terminates on the date that is 5 years after the date
25 of the enactment of this subsection.”; and

1 (5) in section 14—

2 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (4), (5),
3 and (6) as paragraphs (5), (6), and (7), respec-
4 tively; and

5 (B) by inserting after paragraph (3) the
6 following:

7 “(4) the term ‘Corporation’ means the Dela-
8 ware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, Incor-
9 porated, an organization described in section
10 501(c)(3), and exempt from Federal tax under sec-
11 tion 501(a), of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;”.

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