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To amend title 40, United States Code, to permit commercial filmmaking and photography on the United States Capitol grounds, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. NORTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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. PERMITTING COMMERCIAL FILMMAKING AND**
4 **PHOTOGRAPHY ON UNITED STATES CAPITOL**
5 **GROUND.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5106 of title 40, United
7 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
8 lowing new subsection:

1 “(d) COMMERCIAL FILMMAKING AND PHOTOG-
2 RAPHY.—

3 “(1) AUTHORIZATION BY CAPITOL POLICE.—

4 Notwithstanding section 5104(c) or any other provi-
5 sion of this chapter which restricts commercial activ-
6 ity on the United States Capitol Grounds, the Chief
7 of the United States Capitol Police (hereafter in this
8 subsection referred to as the ‘Chief’)—

9 “(A) may issue a permit authorizing a per-
10 son to engage in appropriate commercial
11 filmmaking and photography activity on the
12 United States Capitol Grounds (other than any
13 Capitol Buildings described in section 5101);
14 and

15 “(B) under the terms and conditions of
16 such a permit, may require the person to whom
17 the permit is issued to pay an appropriate fee
18 to cover any costs incurred by the Architect of
19 the Capitol as a result of the issuance of the
20 permit.

21 “(2) TYPES OF ACTIVITIES AND FEES PER-
22 MITTED.—For purposes of paragraph (1)—

23 “(A) commercial filmmaking and photog-
24 raphy activity shall be considered appropriate
25 only if the activity is similar to the types of

1 commercial activity permitted in Union Square
2 prior to the transfer of jurisdiction and control
3 of Union Square to the Architect of the Capitol
4 under section 1202 of the Legislative Branch
5 Appropriations Act, 2012 (2 U.S.C. 1811 note);
6 and

7 “(B) a fee shall be considered appropriate
8 only if the fee is similar to the fee collected by
9 the Director of the National Park Service for
10 commercial activity permitted in Union Square
11 prior to such transfer of jurisdiction and con-
12 trol.

13 “(3) USE OF FEES.—Immediately upon receiv-
14 ing any fees collected under paragraph (1)(B), the
15 Chief shall transfer the fees to the Capitol Trust Ac-
16 count established under section 213(c) of the Legis-
17 lative Branch Appropriations Act, 2014 (Public Law
18 113–76).

19 “(4) REGULATIONS.—The Chief shall carry out
20 this subsection in accordance with such regulations
21 as the Capitol Police Board may promulgate pursu-
22 ant to the Board’s authority under section 14 of the
23 Act of July 31, 1946 (2 U.S.C. 1969), except that
24 the Board shall promulgate the regulations in con-
25 sultation with the Committee on House Administra-

1 tion of the House of Representatives and the Com-
2 mittee on Rules and Administration of the Senate.

3 “(5) UNION SQUARE DEFINED.—In this sub-
4 section, the term ‘Union Square’ means the area for
5 which jurisdiction and control was transferred to the
6 Architect of the Capitol under section 1202 of the
7 Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2012 (2
8 U.S.C. 1811 note).”.

9 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO CAP-
10 ITOL TRUST ACCOUNT.—Section 213(c) of the Legislative
11 Branch Appropriations Act, 2014 (Public Law 113–76)
12 is amended by striking “subsection (b)(2)” each place it
13 appears and inserting “subsection (b)(2) or section
14 5106(d) of title 40, United States Code”.

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