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NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MUSEUM  
ACT

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An Act

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National Law  
Enforcement  
Museum Act.  
[S. 1438]

To establish the National Law Enforcement Museum on Federal land in the District of Columbia.

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

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “National Law Enforcement Museum Act”.

**SEC. 2. FINDING.**

Congress finds that there should be established a National Law Enforcement Museum to honor and commemorate the service and sacrifice of law enforcement officers in the United States.

**SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

In this Act:

(1) **MEMORIAL FUND.**—The term “Memorial Fund” means the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, Inc.

(2) **MUSEUM.**—The term “Museum” means the National Law Enforcement Museum established under section 4(a).

(3) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

**SEC. 4. NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MUSEUM.**

(a) **CONSTRUCTION.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Memorial Fund may construct a National Law Enforcement Museum on Federal land located on United States Reservation #7, on the property bounded by—

(A) the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial on the north;

(B) the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces on the west;

(C) Court Building C on the east; and

(D) Old City Hall on the south.

(2) **UNDERGROUND FACILITY.**—The Memorial Fund shall be permitted to construct part of the Museum underground below E Street, NW.

(3) **CONSULTATION.**—The Museum Fund shall consult with and coordinate with the Joint Committee on Administration of the District of Columbia courts in the planning, design, and construction of the Museum.

(b) **DESIGN AND PLANS.**—

(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out subsection (a), the Memorial Fund shall be responsible for preparation of the design and plans for the Museum.

(2) APPROVAL.—The design and plans for the Museum shall be subject to the approval of—

- (A) the Secretary;
- (B) the Commission of Fine Arts; and
- (C) the National Capital Planning Commission.

(3) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—The Museum shall be designed so that—

(A) there is available for underground planned use by the courts of the District of Columbia for renovation and expansion of Old City Hall—

(i) an area extending to a line that is at least 57 feet, 6 inches, north of the northernmost facade of Old City Hall and parallel to that facade; plus

(ii) an area extending beyond that line and comprising a part of a circle with a radius of 40 feet measured from a point that is 59 feet, 9 inches, from the center of that facade;

(B) the underground portion of the Museum has a footprint of not less than 23,665 square feet;

(C) above ground, there is a no-build zone of 90 feet out from the northernmost face of the north portico of the existing Old City Hall running east to west parallel to Old City Hall;

(D) the aboveground portion of the Museum consists of 2 entrance pavilions totaling a maximum of 10,000 square feet, neither of which shall exceed 6,000 square feet and the height of neither of which shall exceed 25 feet, as measured from the curb of the westernmost pavilion; and

(E) no portion of the aboveground portion of the Museum is located within the 100-foot-wide area centered on the north-south axis of the Old City Hall.

(4) PARKING.—The courts of the District of Columbia and the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces may construct an underground parking structure in the southwest quadrant of United States Reservation #7.

(c) OPERATION AND USE.—The Memorial Fund shall own, operate, and maintain the Museum after completion of construction.

(d) FEDERAL SHARE.—The United States shall pay no expense incurred in the establishment or construction of the Museum.

(e) FUNDING VERIFICATION.—The Secretary shall not permit construction of the Museum to begin unless the Secretary determines that sufficient amounts are available to complete construction of the Museum in accordance with the design and plans approved under subsection (b).

Termination date.

(f) FAILURE TO CONSTRUCT.—If the Memorial Fund fails to begin construction of the Museum by the date that is 10 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the authority to construct the Museum shall terminate on that date.

Approved November 9, 2000.

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