Public Law 103-321
103d Congress

An Act

To amend the Commemorative Works Act, and for other purposes.

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

SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY FOR MEMORIAL ESTABLISHMENT.

40 USC 1003 note.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The legislative authority for each of the following groups to establish a commemorative work (as defined by Public Law 99–652, as amended) shall expire at the end of the 10-year period beginning on the date of enactment of such authority for the respective commemorative work, notwithstanding the time period limitation specified in section 10(b) of that Public Law:

(1) The Black Revolutionary War Patriots Foundation.

(2) The Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation.

(3) The National Peace Garden.

(b) NAME CHANGE.—(1) The Congress finds that the Peace Garden Project, Incorporated, has changed its name to the National Peace Garden.

(2) Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the entity referred to in paragraph (1) shall be deemed to be a reference to the National Peace Garden.

SEC. 2. COMMEMORATIVE WORKS ACT AMENDMENTS.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—(1) Section 2(c) of the Act entitled "An Act to provide standards for placement of commemorative works on certain Federal lands in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes" (40 U.S.C. 1002(c)) is amended—

(A) by inserting "plaque, inscription," after "memorial,";

(B) by striking out "a person" and inserting in lieu thereof "an individual"; and

(C) by inserting "American" before "history".

(2) Section 2(d) of such Act (40 U.S.C. 1002(d)) is amended by striking "an individual, group or organization" and inserting "a public agency, and an individual, group or organization that is described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such Code, and which is".

(b) AUTHORIZATION.—Section 3 of such Act (40 U.S.C. 1003) is amended as follows:

(1) In subsection (a), by inserting "on Federal lands referred to in section 1(d)" after "established".

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(2) By redesignating subsection (b) as subsection (d) and inserting after subsection (a) the following new subsections:

"(b) A military commemorative work may be authorized only to commemorate a war or similar major military conflict or to commemorate any branch of the Armed Forces. No commemorative work commemorating a lesser conflict or a unit of an Armed Force shall be authorized. Commemorative works to a war or similar major military conflict shall not be authorized until at least 10 years after the officially designated end of the event.

"(c) A commemorative work commemorating an event, individual, or group of individuals, other than a military commemorative work as described in subsection (b) of this section, shall not be authorized until after the 25th anniversary of the event, death of the individual, or death of the last surviving member of the group.".

(c) SPECIFIC CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO AREAS I AND II.—Section 6 of such Act (40 U.S.C. 1006) is amended to read as follows:

"SPECIFIC CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO AREA I AND AREA II

"SEC. 6. (a) AREA I.—The Secretary or Administrator (as appropriate) may, after seeking the advice of the National Capital Memorial Commission, recommend the location of a commemorative work in Area I only if the Secretary or Administrator (as appropriate) determines that the subject of the commemorative work is of preeminent historical and lasting significance to the Nation. The Secretary or Administrator (as appropriate) shall notify the National Capital Memorial Commission and the committees of Congress specified in section 3(b) of the recommendation by the Secretary or Administrator (as appropriate) that a commemorative work should be located in Area I. The location of a commemorative work in Area I shall be deemed not authorized, unless, not later than 150 calendar days after such notification, the recommendation is approved by law.

"(b) AREA II.—Commemorative works of subjects of lasting historical significance to the American people may be located in Area II.".

(d) SITE AND DESIGN APPROVAL.—Section 7 of such Act (40 U.S.C. 1007) is amended—

(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1) of subsection (a), by striking out "commencing construction of the commemorative work" and inserting in lieu thereof "requesting the permit for the construction of the commemorative work";

(2) in paragraph (1) of subsection (a)—

(A) by inserting "the selection of alternative sites and designs for" after "regarding"; and

(B) by striking out the second sentence;

(3) in paragraph (2) of subsection (a), by striking out "and the Secretary or Administrator (as appropriate)"; and

(4) in the matter preceding paragraph (1) of subsection (b), by inserting "(but not limited by)" after "guided by".

(e) CRITERIA FOR ISSUANCE OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT.—(1) Section 8(a)(3) of such Act (40 U.S.C. 1008(a)(3)) is amended by striking out "contracts for construction and drawings" and inserting in lieu thereof "contract documents for construction".

(2) Section 8 of such Act (40 U.S.C. 1008) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(c)(1) The Secretary or the Administrator (as appropriate) may suspend any activity under the authority of this Act with respect to the establishment of a commemorative work if the Secretary or Administrator determines the fundraising efforts with respect to the commemorative work have misrepresented an affiliation with the commemorative work or the United States.

"(2) The person shall be required to submit to the Secretary or Administrator an annual report of operations, including financial statements audited by an independent certified public accountant, paid for by the person authorized to construct the commemorative work.". Reports.

(f) TEMPORARY SITE DESIGNATION.—Section 9(a) of such Act (40 U.S.C. 1009(a)) is amended by striking out "he may designate such a site on lands administered by him" and inserting in lieu thereof "a site may be designated on lands administered by the Secretary".

(g) MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.—Section 10(d) of such Act (40 U.S.C. 1010(d)) is amended to read as follows:

"(d) The Secretary and the Administrator shall develop appropriate regulations or standards to carry out this Act.". Regulations.

(h) SHORT TITLE.—Such Act is amended by adding at the end the following new section: 40 USC 1001 note.

"SHORT TITLE

"SEC. 11. This Act may be cited as the 'Commemorative Works Act'.". Commemorative Works Act.

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