

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a pilot program for commercial recreation concessions on certain land managed by the Bureau of Land Management.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. MCSALLY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “RPPA Commercial
5 Recreation Concessions Pilot Program Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMMERCIAL RECREATION CONCESSIONS PILOT**
7 **PROGRAM.**

8 The Act of June 14, 1926 (commonly known as the
9 “Recreation and Public Purposes Act”) (44 Stat. 741,

1 chapter 578; 43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.), is amended by adding
2 at the end the following:

3 **“SEC. 7. COMMERCIAL RECREATION CONCESSIONS PILOT**
4 **PROGRAM.**

5 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other pro-
6 vision of this Act (including any regulations under this
7 Act), not later than 90 days after the date of enactment
8 of this section, the Secretary shall establish a pilot pro-
9 gram to authorize commercial recreation concessions on
10 land patented or leased under this Act.

11 “(b) CONCESSIONS AGREEMENTS.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the pilot
13 program established under subsection (a), the Sec-
14 retary shall enter into not more than 10 agreements
15 with parties to whom the land described in sub-
16 section (a) has been patented or leased for the estab-
17 lishment of commercial recreation concessions on the
18 land covered by the agreement.

19 “(2) TERM.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—An agreement entered
21 into under paragraph (1) shall be for a period
22 that is consistent with the period of time re-
23 quired to amortize the capital investment made
24 under the agreement but in any case not longer
25 than 20 years.

1 “(B) EXTENSION.—On a finding of satis-
2 factory performance, the Secretary may extend
3 the term of an agreement for 1 additional pe-
4 riod equal in length to the initial term.

5 “(3) THIRD-PARTY AGREEMENTS.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A party to an agree-
7 ment entered into under paragraph (1) may
8 enter into agreements with third parties for the
9 establishment of commercial recreation conces-
10 sions pursuant to the agreement entered into
11 under paragraph (1).

12 “(B) TERM.—An agreement entered into
13 under subparagraph (A) shall not be for a pe-
14 riod that is longer than the term of the agree-
15 ment entered into under paragraph (1).

16 “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—A party to an agreement en-
17 tered into under subsection (b)(1) shall not be required
18 to use revenue collected pursuant to the commercial recre-
19 ation concessions on the land covered by the agreement.

20 “(d) AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.—For the term of an
21 agreement entered into under subsection (b)(1), with re-
22 spect to land covered by the agreement, any activity de-
23 fined as permissible under parts 2920 and 2930 of title
24 43, Code of Federal Regulations (or successor regula-
25 tions), shall be permissible.

1 “(e) EFFECT.—The establishment of commercial
2 recreation concessions under subsection (b) shall not be
3 considered to be a change in use for purposes of this Act.”.