118TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H.R.3448

AN ACT

To amend chapter 3081 of title 54, United States Code, to enhance the protection and preservation of America's battlefields.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- ${\it 2\ tives\ of\ the\ United\ States\ of\ America\ in\ Congress\ assembled},$

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

- 2 This Act may be cited as the "American Battlefield
- 3 Protection Program Enhancement Act of 2023".
- 4 SEC. 2. AMERICAN BATTLEFIELD PROTECTION PROGRAM
- 5 IMPROVEMENTS.
- 6 (a) Definitions.—Section 308101 of title 54,
- 7 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 8 "§ 308101. Definitions
- 9 "In this chapter:
- 10 "(1) Secretary.—The term 'Secretary' means
- the Secretary, acting through the American Battle-
- field Protection Program.
- 13 "(2) Battlefield reports.—The term 'Bat-
- 14 tlefield Reports' means, collectively—
- 15 "(A) the document entitled 'Report on the
- Nation's Civil War Battlefields', prepared by
- the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission, and
- dated July 1993; and
- 19 "(B) the document entitled 'Report to
- 20 Congress on the Historic Preservation of Revo-
- 21 lutionary War and War of 1812 Sites in the
- United States', prepared by the National Park
- Service, and dated September 2007.".
- 24 (b) Preservation Assistance.—Section
- 25 308102(a) of title 54, United States Code, is amended by
- 26 striking "Federal" and all that follows through "organiza-

1	tions" and inserting "Federal agencies, States, Tribes,					
2	local governments, other public entities, educational insti-					
3	tutions, and nonprofit organizations".					
4	(c) Battlefield Land Acquisition Grants Im-					
5	PROVEMENTS.—Section 308103 of title 54, United States					
6	Code, is amended—					
7	(1) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-					
8	lows:					
9	"(a) Eligible Site Defined.—In this section, the					
10	term 'eligible site'—					
11	"(1) means a site that—					
12	"(A) is not within the exterior boundaries					
13	of a unit of the National Park System; and					
14	"(B) is identified in the Battlefield Reports					
15	as a battlefield; and					
16	"(2) excludes sites identified in the Battlefield					
17	Reports as associated historic sites.";					
18	(2) in subsection (b), by striking "State and					
19	local governments" and inserting "States, Tribes,					
20	local governments, and nonprofit organizations";					
21	(3) in subsection (c), by striking "State or local					
22	government" and inserting "State, Tribe, or local					
23	government"; and					
24	(4) in subsection (e), by striking "under this					
25	section" and inserting "under this section, including					

1	by States, Tribes, local governments, and nonprofit				
2	organizations,".				
3	(d) Battlefield Restoration Grants Improve-				
4	MENTS.—Section 308105 of title 54, United States Code				
5	is amended—				
6	(1) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-				
7	lows:				
8	"(a) Establishment.—The Secretary shall estab-				
9	lish a battlefield restoration grant program (referred to				
10	in this section as the 'program') under which the Secretary				
11	may provide grants to States, Tribes, local governments				
12	and nonprofit organizations for projects that restore day-				
13	of-battle conditions on—				
14	"(1) land preserved and protected under the				
15	battlefield acquisition grant program established				
16	under section 308103(b); or				
17	"(2) battlefield land that is—				
18	"(A) owned by a State, Tribe, local govern-				
19	ment, or nonprofit organization; and				
20	"(B) referred to in the Battlefield Re-				
21	ports."; and				
22	(2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the				
23	following				

1	"(b) Eligible Sites.—The Secretary may make					
2	grants under this section for Revolutionary War, War of					
3	1812, and Civil War battlefield sites—					
4	"(1) eligible for assistance under the battlefield					
5	acquisition grant program established under section					
6	308103(b); or					
7	"(2) on battlefield land that is—					
8	"(A) owned by a State, Tribe, local govern-					
9	ment, or nonprofit organization; and					
10	"(B) referred to in the Battlefield Re-					
11	ports.".					
12	(e) Updates and Improvements.—Chapter 3081					
13	of title 54, United States Code, is amended by adding at					
14	the end the following:					
15	"§ 308106. Updates and improvements to Battlefield					
16	Reports					
17	"Not later than 2 years after the date of the enact-					
18	ment of this section, and every 10 years thereafter, the					
19	Secretary shall submit to Congress a report that updates					
20	the Battlefield Reports to reflect—					
21	"(1) preservation activities carried out at the					
22	battlefields in the period since the publication of the					
23	most recent Battlefield Reports undate:					

- 1 "(2) changes in the condition, including core
 2 and study areas, of the battlefields during that pe3 riod; and
 4 "(3) any other relevant developments relating
 5 to the battlefields during that period.".
 6 (f) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
- 7 for chapter 3081 of title 54, United States Code, is 8 amended as follows:
- 9 (1) By amending the item relating to section 10 308101 to read as follows: "308101. Definitions.".
- 11 (2) By adding at the end the following: "308106. Updates and improvements to Battlefield Reports.".

Passed the House of Representatives November 6, 2023.

Attest:

Clerk.

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