

EXPLANATION OF H.R. —, TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS IN
THE ENACTMENT OF TITLE 54, UNITED STATES CODE,
INTO A POSITIVE LAW TITLE AND TO CORRECT RELATED
TECHNICAL ERRORS

BACKGROUND

Public Law 113–287, which was signed into law on December 19, 2014, enacted certain laws relating to the National Park Service and related programs as title 54, United States Code. This bill adds to title 54 provisions that state the purposes of certain laws included in the enactment of title 54, repeals provisions that should have been repealed by Public Law 113–287, makes necessary technical amendments to Public Law 113–287, and corrects related technical errors. The Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the House of Representatives prepared the bill and submitted it to the Committee as part of the responsibilities of the Office under section 205(c) of House Resolution No. 988, 93d Congress, as enacted into law by Public Law 93–554 (2 U. S. C. 285b), to provide revisions in titles of the Code that have been enacted into positive law so that those titles may be kept current and to update the Code to reflect newly enacted law.

SECTION-BY-SECTION EXPLANATION

SECTION 1—TABLE OF CONTENTS

Section 1 of the bill provides a table of contents of the Act.

SECTION 2—PURPOSE

Section 2 of the bill provides the purpose of the Act.

SECTION 3—TITLE 15, UNITED STATES CODE

Section 3 of the bill amends section 107(a)(3)(D) of the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline Act (15 U.S.C. 720e(a)(3)(D)) to correct a cross reference to a provision enacted as part of title 54, United States Code.

SECTION 4—TITLE 16, UNITED STATES CODE

Section 4 of the bill amends section 815(4) of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 3125(4)) to correct a cross reference to a provision enacted as part of title 54, United States Code.

SECTION 5—TITLE 43, UNITED STATES CODE

Section 5 of the bill amends section 4(b) of the Abandoned Shipwreck Act of 1987 (43 U.S.C. 2103(b)) to correct a cross reference to provisions enacted as chapter 3029 of title 54, United States Code.

SECTION 6—AMENDMENTS TO PUBLIC LAW 113–287 AND TITLE 54,
UNITED STATES CODE

Section 6(a)(1) of the bill amends the schedule of laws repealed in section 7 of Public Law 113–287 by striking the item at 128 Stat. 3276 relating to section 401 of the National Historic Preservation Act (Public Law 89–665, 16 U.S.C. 470x) and reviving that section to read as if that item had not been enacted.

Section 6(a)(2) of the bill amends the schedule of laws repealed in section 7 of Public Law 113–287 to restate and correct the section and United States Code references at 128 Stat. 3277 in the item relating to section 3 of Public Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a–2) so that the repeal of subsection (g) (words after 1st sentence) had not been enacted.

Section 6(a)(3) of the bill amends the schedule of laws repealed in section 7 of Public Law 113–287 to restate and correct the United States Code references at 128 Stat. 3277 in the items relating to sections 1004 through 1015 of the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act of 1978 (Public Law 95–625, 92 Stat. 3538).

Section 6(b) of the bill amends section 100507(h)(3) of title 54, United States Code, to correct an error in the heading.

Section 6(c) of the bill amends section 100903(a) of title 54, United States Code, to correct an error in the heading.

Section 6(d) of the bill restates section 814(a)(1) of the Omnibus Parks and Public Land Management Act of 1996 as section 101331(a) of title 54, United States Code, and makes related conforming amendments. Section 814(a)(1) originally was classified to 16 U.S.C. 170(1). The provision was omitted from the Code after enactment of Public Law 113–287. The provision is repealed by section 8 of the bill.

Section 6(e) of the bill restates section 301(b) of Public Law 95–344 as section 101521 of title 54, United States Code, and makes related conforming amendments. Section 301(b) originally was classified to 16 U.S.C. 2301(b). The provision was transferred to 54 U.S.C. 101521 note after enactment of Public Law 113–287. The provision is repealed by section 8 of the bill.

Section 6(f) of the bill restates paragraphs (4) and (5) of section 814(g) of the Omnibus Parks and Public Land Management Act of 1996 (16 U.S.C. 1f), which were enacted after January 15, 2013, the cutoff date for Public Law 113–287 (128 Stat. 3094), as section 101701(d) of title 54, United States Code.

Section 6(g) of the bill amends section 101913(4)(C) of title 54, United States Code, to correct an error in the heading.

Section 6(h) of the bill amends section 102302(d) of title 54, United States Code, to correct an error in the heading.

Section 6(i) of the bill restates section 1(b) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 as section 200301(a) of title 54, United States Code, amends section 200310(a) to correct a cross reference to a section of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C.), and makes related conforming amendments. Section 1(b) originally was classified to 16 U.S.C. 4601–4. The provision was transferred to 54 U.S.C. 100101 note after enactment of Public Law 113–287. The provision is repealed by section 8 of the bill.

Section 6(j) of the bill restates section 1003 of the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act of 1978 as subsections (a) and (b) of

200501 of title 54 United States Code, amends section 200503(c) to correct a spelling error, and makes related conforming amendments. Section 1003 originally was classified to 16 U.S.C. 2502. The provision was transferred to 54 U.S.C. 200501 note after enactment of Public Law 113–287. The provision is repealed by section 8 of the bill.

Section 6(k) of the bill amends section 302302(a) of title 54, United States Code, to correct an error in the heading.

Section 6(l) of the bill amends section 302701(e) of title 54, United States Code, to correct a reference to State Historic Preservation Officers.

Section 6(m) of the bill amends section 302902(b)(1) of title 54, United States Code, to correct an error in the heading.

Section 6(n) of the bill amends section 302908(a) of title 54, United States Code, to insert a word inadvertently omitted.

Section 6(o) of the bill amends section 308103 of title 54, United States Code, to include laws enacted after January 15, 2013, the cutoff date for Public Law 113–287 (128 Stat. 3094), that amended section 7301(c) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (16 U.S.C. 469k–1(c)). Subparagraphs (B) and (C) of paragraph (1), and paragraphs (2) through (6), of subsection (c) were enacted as section 308103 of title 54, United States Code. Section 6(o) also deletes paragraph (7), which required that the Secretary submit to Congress no later than December 19, 2019, a report on activities carried out under this subsection, and an obsolete reference in subsection (h) to fiscal years 2020 through 2024.

Section 6(p) of the bill restates section 2(b) of the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Act of 1998 as section 308301 of title 54, United States Code, and makes related conforming amendments. Section 2(b) originally was classified to 16 U.S.C. 469l(b). The provision was transferred to 54 U.S.C. 308301 note after enactment of Public Law 113–287. The provision is repealed by section 8 of the bill.

Section 6(q) of the bill amends section 308704(a)(1) of title 54, United States Code, to clarify a cross reference.

Section 6(r) of the bill amends section 309101(d) of title 54, United States Code, to correct an error in the heading.

Section 6(s)(1) of the bill restates section 7302(a) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 as section 311101(a) of title 54, United States Code, and makes related conforming amendments. Section 7302(a) originally was classified to 16 U.S.C. 469n(a). The provision was not included in the enactment of title 54 by Public Law 113–287. The provision is repealed by section 8 of the bill.

Section 6(s)(2) of the bill restates section 311105 of title 54, United States Code, to include section 3033(e) of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Pub. L. 113–291, div. B, title XXX, 128 Stat. 3777). Section 3033(e), which amended section 7302(f) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (16 U.S.C. 469n(f)), was enacted after January 15, 2013, the cutoff date for Public Law 113–287 (128 Stat. 3094).

Section 6(s)(3) of the bill amends the item relating to section 311101 in the table of contents for chapter 3111.

Section 6(t) of the bill amends section 312304(b)(4) of title 54, United States Code, to correct an error in the heading.

SECTION 7—TRANSITIONAL AND SAVINGS PROVISIONS

Section 7 of the bill contains transitional and savings provisions.

SECTION 8—REPEALS

Section 8 of the bill repeals provisions replaced by the bill, along with provisions that should have been repealed by Public Law 113–287.