

112TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1785

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 5, 2011

Ms. NORTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on House Administration

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. PROHIBITING CHARGING OF FEES FOR ADMIS-**  
2 **SION TO PERMANENT COLLECTIONS OF**  
3 **SMITHSONIAN MUSEUMS OR FACILITIES.**

4 (a) PROHIBITION.—Except as provided in subsections  
5 (a) and (b), the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution  
6 may not charge a fee for admission to any exhibit which  
7 is part of the permanent collection of any museum or facil-  
8 ity which is part of any bureau established in or under  
9 the Smithsonian Institution, including the National Gal-  
10 lery of Art.

11 (b) EXCEPTION FOR NECESSARY AND UNAVOIDABLE  
12 FEES.—The Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution may  
13 charge a fee for admission to an exhibit described in sub-  
14 section (a) if—

15 (1) the Secretary determines that charging a  
16 fee for admission to the exhibit is necessary and un-  
17 avoidable;

18 (2) the Secretary submits a statement explain-  
19 ing the determination to the Committee on House  
20 Administration of the House of Representatives, the  
21 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of  
22 the House of Representatives, the Committee on En-  
23 vironment and Public Works of the Senate, and the  
24 Committee on Rules and Administration of the Sen-  
25 ate; and

