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To establish the First State National Historical Park in the State of Delaware, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARNEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## 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 “First State National  
5 Historical Park Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) HISTORICAL PARK.—The term “historical  
9 park” means the First State National Historical  
10 Park established by section 3(a)(1).

1           (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
2 the Secretary of the Interior.

3           (3) STATE.—The term “State” means the State  
4 of Delaware.

5 **SEC. 3. FIRST STATE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK.**

6           (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

7           (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (3),  
8 there is established in the State the First State Na-  
9 tional Historical Park, to be administered as a unit  
10 of the National Park System.

11           (2) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the historical  
12 park are to preserve, protect, and interpret the na-  
13 tionally significant cultural and historic resources in  
14 the State that are associated with—

15           (A) early Dutch, Swedish, and English set-  
16 tlement of the Colony of Delaware; and

17           (B) the role of Delaware as the first State  
18 to ratify the Constitution.

19           (3) DETERMINATION BY SECRETARY.—

20           (A) IN GENERAL.—The historical park  
21 shall not be established until the date on which  
22 the Secretary determines that sufficient land or  
23 interests in land have been acquired from  
24 among the sites described in subsection (b) to  
25 constitute a manageable park unit.

1 (B) NOTICE.—Not later than 30 days  
2 after making a determination under subpara-  
3 graph (A), the Secretary shall publish a notice  
4 in the Federal Register of the establishment of  
5 the historical park, including an official bound-  
6 ary map for the historical park.

7 (C) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map  
8 published under subparagraph (B) shall be on  
9 file and available for public inspection in the  
10 appropriate offices of the National Park Serv-  
11 ice.

12 (b) HISTORIC SITES.—The Secretary may include the  
13 following sites in the State within the boundary of the his-  
14 torical park:

15 (1) The Old Sherriff's House in New Castle  
16 County, Delaware.

17 (2) Fort Christina National Historic Landmark  
18 in New Castle County, Delaware.

19 (3) Old Swedes Church National Historic Land-  
20 mark in New Castle County, Delaware.

21 (4) Old New Castle Courthouse in New Castle,  
22 Delaware.

23 (5) John Dickinson Plantation National His-  
24 toric Landmark in Kent County, Delaware.

25 (6) Dover Green in Kent County, Delaware.

1 (7) Ryves Holt House in Sussex County, Dela-  
2 ware.

3 **SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall administer  
5 the historical park in accordance with—

6 (1) this Act; and

7 (2) the laws generally applicable to units of the  
8 National Park System, including—

9 (A) the National Park System Organic Act  
10 (16 U.S.C. 1 et seq.); and

11 (B) the Act of August 21, 1935 (16 U.S.C.  
12 461 et seq.).

13 (b) LAND ACQUISITION.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may acquire  
15 all or a portion of any of the sites described in sec-  
16 tion 3(b), including easements or other interests in  
17 land, by purchase from a willing seller, donation, or  
18 exchange.

19 (2) BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.—On acquisition  
20 of land or an interest in land under paragraph (1),  
21 the boundary of the historical park shall be adjusted  
22 to reflect the acquisition.

23 (c) INTERPRETIVE TOURS.—The Secretary may pro-  
24 vide interpretive tours to sites and resources in the State  
25 that are located outside the boundary of the historical

1 park and associated with the purposes for which the his-  
2 torical park is established, including—

- 3 (1) Fort Casimir;
- 4 (2) DeVries Monument;
- 5 (3) Amstel House;
- 6 (4) Dutch House; and
- 7 (5) Zwaanendael Museum.

8 (d) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may enter  
10 into a cooperative agreement with the State, political  
11 subdivisions of the State, institutions of higher edu-  
12 cation, nonprofit organizations, and individuals to  
13 mark, interpret, and restore nationally significant  
14 historic or cultural resources within the boundaries  
15 of the historical park, if the cooperative agreement  
16 provides for reasonable public access to the re-  
17 sources.

18 (2) COST-SHARING REQUIREMENT.—

19 (A) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share  
20 of the total cost of any activity carried out  
21 under a cooperative agreement entered into  
22 under paragraph (1) shall be not more than 50  
23 percent.

24 (B) FORM OF NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The  
25 non-Federal share may be in the form of in-

1 kind contributions or goods or services fairly  
2 valued.

3 (e) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 fiscal years  
5 after the date on which funds are made available to  
6 carry out this subsection, the Secretary shall com-  
7 plete a management plan for the historical park.

8 (2) APPLICABLE LAW.—The management plan  
9 shall be prepared in accordance with section 12(b) of  
10 Public Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a–7(b)) and other  
11 applicable laws.

12 **SEC. 5. NATIONAL LANDMARK STUDY.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after the  
14 date on which funds are made available to carry out this  
15 section, the Secretary shall complete a study assessing the  
16 historical significance of additional properties in the State  
17 that are associated with the purposes of historical park.

18 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—The study prepared under  
19 subsection (a) shall include an assessment of the potential  
20 for designating the additional properties as National His-  
21 toric Landmarks.

22 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

23 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums  
24 as are necessary to carry out this Act.

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