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# S. 1486

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. ROBERT C. BYRD introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs

## A BILL

To amend the National Trails System Act by designating the Potomac Heritage Trail located in portions of Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia as a component of the National Trails System.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3       That this Act may be cited as the "Potomac Heritage Na-  
4       tional Scenic Trail Act of 1975".

5       SEC. 2. Section 5 (a) of the National Trails System Act  
6       (16 U.S.C. 1244) is amended (1) by inserting immediately  
7       before the period at the end of the first sentence a semi-  
8       colon and the following: "except that the Secretary of the  
9       Interior may designate non-Federal segments of the Potomac

1 Heritage National Scenic Trail"; (2) by deleting in the  
2 second sentence thereof the words "the initial"; (3) by  
3 deleting in paragraph (3) thereof the words "an advisory  
4 council for the Appalachian National Scenic Trail" and in-  
5 serting in lieu thereof "advisory councils for the Appalachian  
6 and Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trails"; (4) by re-  
7 designating paragraph (3) thereof as paragraph (4); and  
8 (5) by inserting immediately after paragraph (2) thereof  
9 the following new paragraph:

10 " (3) The Potomac Heritage Trail, a corridor of ap-  
11 proximately eight hundred and seventy-four miles extending  
12 from the mouth of the Potomac River to its source (except  
13 for one segment extending into Pennsylvania) following the  
14 route as generally depicted on the map, identified as Na-  
15 tional Trails System, Proposed Potomac Heritage Trail Cor-  
16 ridor, which shall be on file and available for public inspec-  
17 tion in the office of the Director of the National Park Service:  
18 *Provided*, (i) That only those segments of the corridor lo-  
19 cated within exterior boundaries of federally administered  
20 areas are designated as the Potomac Heritage National  
21 Scenic Trail by this Act; and (ii) That the Secretary of the  
22 Interior may designate lands outside of federally adminis-  
23 tered areas as segments of the Potomac Heritage National  
24 Scenic Trail upon application from the States (including the  
25 District of Columbia) or local governmental agencies in-

1 involved if such segments meet the criteria established in this  
2 Act and are administered by such agencies without expense  
3 to the United States. The segments of the Potomac Heritage  
4 National Scenic Trail designated by this Act shall be ad-  
5 ministered by the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation  
6 with the heads of other Federal agencies where lands admin-  
7 istered by them are involved. The Secretary of the Interior,  
8 within three years after the effective date of this paragraph,  
9 shall prepare guidelines for development, management, and  
10 maintenance of the Potomac Heritage Trail, except that it  
11 is the sense of the Congress that the Secretary, with respect  
12 to his authority to provide certain facilities within the Poto-  
13 mac Heritage National Scenic Trail, should immediately  
14 utilize that authority to construct campsites, shelters, and  
15 related public use facilities within those parts of such trail  
16 which are located within areas of high unemployment.”.

17 SEC. 3. Section 7 (e) of the National Trails System Act  
18 (16 U.S.C. 1246) is amended by inserting immediately  
19 before the period at the end of the first sentence thereof a  
20 comma and the following: “except that the foregoing pro-  
21 visions of this proviso shall not apply to the Potomac Her-  
22 itage National Scenic Trail”.

23 SEC. 4. There are authorized to be appropriated such  
24 sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this  
25 Act.