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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 13, 2017

Ms. NORTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
SECTION 1. AUTHORIZING COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND NATIONAL PARK SERVICE FOR OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND MANAGEMENT OF UNITS OF THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

(a) Authorization.—The Mayor of the District of Columbia and the Director of the National Park Service may enter into cooperative management agreements under section 101703 of title 54, United States Code, for the operation, maintenance, and management of units of the National Park System located in the District of Columbia, including the design and construction of improvements to such units.

(b) Terms and Conditions.—A cooperative management agreement entered into under this section may include such terms and conditions as may be agreed to by the Mayor and Director, including terms and conditions relating to—

(1) the allocation of responsibility for the operation, maintenance, and management of a unit of the National Park System between the District of Columbia and the National Park Service; and

(2) the payment of funds by the National Park Service and the District of Columbia in support of the agreement.
(c) Relation to Other Laws.—

(1) Treatment of District of Columbia as a State for Purposes of Cooperative Management Agreements Under Title 54.—Section 101703 of title 54, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(d) Definition of State.—For the purposes of this section, the term ‘State’ means each of the several States and the District of Columbia.”.

(2) Anti-Deficiency Act.—Nothing in subchapter III of chapter 13 or subchapter II of chapter 15 of title 31, United States Code (commonly known as the “Anti-Deficiency Act”) may be construed to prohibit the payment or use of funds by the District of Columbia or the National Park Service to carry out a cooperative management agreement entered into under this Act, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement.

(3) District of Columbia Home Rule Act.—Nothing in section 602(a)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act (sec. 1–206.03(a)(3), D.C. Official Code) may be construed to prohibit the District of Columbia from operating, maintaining, or managing a unit of the National Park System in accordance with the terms and conditions of a coopera-
tive management agreement entered into under this Act.