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H. R. 2798

To amend Public Law 106–206 to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to require annual permits and assess annual fees for commercial filming activities on Federal land for film crews of 5 persons or fewer.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 23, 2013

Mr. LATTA (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, and Mr. WITTMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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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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. PURPOSE.**

4 The purpose of this title is to provide commercial film
5 crews of 5 persons or fewer access to film in areas des-

1 ignated for public use during public hours on Federal
2 lands and waterways.

3 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL PERMIT AND FEE FOR FILM CREWS OF 5**
4 **PERSONS OR FEWER.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section (1)(a) of Public Law 106–
6 206 (16 U.S.C. 4601–6d) is amended by—

7 (1) redesignating paragraphs (1), (2), and (3)
8 as subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C), respectively;

9 (2) striking “The Secretary of the Interior” and
10 inserting “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by
11 paragraph (3), the Secretary of the Interior”;

12 (3) inserting “(2) OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.—”
13 before “The Secretary may include other factors”;
14 and

15 (4) adding at the end the following new para-
16 graph:

17 “(3) SPECIAL RULES FOR FILM CREWS OF 5
18 PERSONS OR FEWER.—

19 “(A) For any film crew of 5 persons or
20 fewer, the Secretary shall require a permit and
21 assess an annual fee of \$200 for commercial
22 filming activities or similar projects on Federal
23 lands and waterways administered by the Sec-
24 retary. The permit shall be valid for commercial
25 filming activities or similar projects that occur

1 in areas designated for public use during public
2 hours on all Federal lands waterways adminis-
3 tered by the Secretary for a 12-month period
4 beginning on the date of issuance of the permit.

5 “(B) For persons holding a permit de-
6 scribed in this paragraph, the Secretary shall
7 not assess, during the effective period of the
8 permit, any additional fee for commercial film-
9 ing activities and similar projects that occur in
10 areas designated for public use during public
11 hours on Federal lands and waterways adminis-
12 tered by the Secretary.

13 “(C) In this paragraph, the term ‘film
14 crew’ includes all persons present on Federal
15 land under the Secretary’s jurisdiction who are
16 associated with the production of a certain film.

17 “(D) The Secretary shall not prohibit, as
18 a motorized vehicle or under any other pur-
19 poses, use of cameras or related equipment used
20 for the purpose of commercial filming activities
21 or similar projects in accordance with this para-
22 graph on Federal lands and waterways adminis-
23 tered by the Secretary.”.

24 (b) RECOVERY OF COSTS.—Section (1)(b) of Public
25 Law 106–206 (16 U.S.C. 4601–6d) is amended by—

- 1 (1) striking “collect any costs” and inserting
- 2 “recover any costs”; and
- 3 (2) striking “similar project” and inserting
- 4 “similar projects”.

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