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# H. R. 5254

[Report No. 119-]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement with the Gateway Arch Park Foundation to host private events in Gateway Arch National Park buildings, and for other purposes.

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

Mr. BELL (for himself, Mrs. WAGNER, and Ms. BUDZINSKI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italie*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on September 10, 2025]

## **A BILL**

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement with the Gateway Arch Park Foundation to host private events in Gateway Arch National Park buildings, and for other purposes.

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 “Gateway Partnership*  
5 *Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7        *In this Act:*

8            (1) *FOUNDATION.*—*The term “Foundation”*  
9 *means the Gateway Arch Park Foundation, a non-*  
10 *profit organization that serves as the official philan-*  
11 *thropic partner of the Park.*

12            (2) *PARK.*—*The term “Park” means Gateway*  
13 *Arch National Park.*

14            (3) *PARK BUILDING.*—*The term “Park building”*  
15 *means—*

16                    (A) *the Arch Visitor Center;*

17                    (B) *the Old Courthouse; and*

18                    (C) *any other building administered or*  
19 *managed by the Secretary as part of the Park*  
20 *that is open to the public.*

21            (4) *SECRETARY.*—*The term “Secretary” means*  
22 *the Secretary of the Interior.*

1 **SEC. 3. GATEWAY ARCH NATIONAL PARK PARTNER AGREE-**  
2 **MENT PILOT PROJECT.**

3 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary, in accordance with*  
4 *subsection (b), may enter into a one-time agreement for a*  
5 *period not to exceed five years with the Foundation to host*  
6 *private events at the Park, which may include the use of*  
7 *Park buildings.*

8 (b) *TERMS AND CONDITIONS.*—*An agreement entered*  
9 *into under subsection (a) shall include terms and conditions*  
10 *to protect the resources and values of the Park, including—*

11 (1) *dates and times during which the Founda-*  
12 *tion may be the exclusive organization that holds a*  
13 *special event in specified Park buildings;*

14 (2)(A) *the maximum number of events that can*  
15 *be held per month; and*

16 (B) *appropriate National Park Service staffing*  
17 *levels necessary to ensure public safety and resource*  
18 *protection during such events;*

19 (3) *liability insurance in an amount sufficient*  
20 *to protect the interests of the United States that lists*  
21 *the United States as additionally insured;*

22 (4) *a provision stating that the Federal Govern-*  
23 *ment and agents and employees of the Federal Gov-*  
24 *ernment will not be held liable for claims for damages*  
25 *or suits for any injuries or deaths from any cause re-*

1 *sulting from the occupancy and use of specified Park*  
2 *buildings by the Foundation;*

3 *(5) a provision allowing for the modification or*  
4 *cancellation of the terms and conditions of the agree-*  
5 *ment, except that any modified agreement shall still*  
6 *comply with the terms and conditions described in*  
7 *subparagraphs (1) through (4); and*

8 *(6) any other terms and conditions as the Sec-*  
9 *retary considers appropriate.*

10 *(c) USE.—Private events hosted at the Park or in Park*  
11 *buildings through an agreement entered into under sub-*  
12 *section (a)—*

13 *(1) shall be limited to activities—*

14 *(A) consistent with the purposes of the*  
15 *Park; and*

16 *(B) compatible with National Park Service*  
17 *programs;*

18 *(2) shall not include activities that degrade the*  
19 *integrity, appearance, or purposes of the Park; and*

20 *(3) shall not take place during times or in loca-*  
21 *tions that prevent or disrupt public use or access to*  
22 *the Park or Park buildings.*

23 *(d) RECOVERY OF COSTS.—In entering into an agree-*  
24 *ment under subsection (a), the Secretary—*

1           (1) *shall charge a fee to cover the cost of main-*  
2           *taining the Park and Park buildings with respect to*  
3           *wear and tear resulting from the private events; and*

4           (2) *notwithstanding any other provision of law,*  
5           *may recover all costs incurred as a result of the pri-*  
6           *ivate events and use of the Park and Park buildings,*  
7           *including maintenance, utilities, administrative ex-*  
8           *penditures, security, and personnel costs.*

9           (e) *NATIONAL PARK SERVICE-SPONSORED EVENTS.—*  
10          *Nothing in this Act prevents the National Park Service*  
11          *from hosting events or issuing permits to other individuals*  
12          *or entities for special events or otherwise, as appropriate,*  
13          *in the Park or Park buildings.*

14          (f) *SUNSET.—*

15               (1) *IN GENERAL.—The authority to enter into*  
16               *and carry out an agreement with the Foundation*  
17               *pursuant to this Act shall sunset on the date that is*  
18               *7 years after the date of enactment of this Act.*

19               (2) *EFFECT ON EXISTING AGREEMENT.—Any ex-*  
20               *isting agreement entered into under this section shall*  
21               *terminate, notwithstanding any terms within such*  
22               *agreement, on the date that is 7 years after the date*  
23               *of enactment of this Act.*

1           (g) *SAVING CLAUSE.—Nothing in this Act affects any*  
2 *other authority of the Secretary to issue special use permits*  
3 *or agreements.*

4           (h) *Not later than 4 years after the date of enactment*  
5 *of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on*  
6 *Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the*  
7 *Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate*  
8 *a report evaluating the implementation of this Act, includ-*  
9 *ing the—*

10                 (1) *operational impacts of the agreement on vis-*  
11 *itor access, security, staffing, and facilities manage-*  
12 *ment; and*

13                 (2) *financial implications of the agreement, in-*  
14 *cluding fees collected and costs recovered.*