

Public Law 95-260
95th Congress

An Act

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to memorialize the fifty-six signers of the Declaration of Independence in Constitution Gardens in the District of Columbia.

Apr. 17, 1978
[H.R. 2960]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the "Secretary") may establish a memorial in honor of the fifty-six men who signed the Declaration of Independence, such memorial to be on a suitable site selected by the Secretary, with the approval of the National Commission of Fine Arts and the National Capital Planning Commission, in the area known as Constitution Gardens in the District of Columbia.

Signers of
Declaration of
Independence,
memorial.
16 USC 431 note.

SEC. 2. The Administrator of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the "Administrator") shall prepare, in consultation with the American Revolution Bicentennial Board, the Secretary, the National Commission of Fine Arts, and the National Capital Planning Commission, the design and plans for the memorial authorized by the first section.

SEC. 3. (a) Not to exceed \$500,000 of the funds, other than appropriated funds, which are available to the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration under the Act entitled "An Act to establish the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, and for other purposes", approved December 11, 1973 (87 Stat. 697), and as approved by the American Revolution Bicentennial Board, may be used to carry out the provisions of the first two sections of this Act.

Funds, limitation.

(b) Of the funds described in subsection (a) which are not used by the Administrator in carrying out the provisions of section 2, the Administrator shall transfer to the Secretary such sums as may be necessary to enable the Secretary to carry out the provisions of the first section of this Act.

Funds, transfer.

SEC. 4. (a) The establishment of the memorial authorized by the first section may not begin unless the Secretary determines that sums expended in carrying out the first two sections of this Act will not exceed \$500,000. Such determination shall be made in consultation with the Administrator if the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration has not terminated pursuant to section 7 of the Act of December 11, 1973 (87 Stat. 701).

(b) The authority contained in the first section shall expire unless the establishment of the memorial authorized by such section is begun within two years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

Authority,
expiration.

SEC. 5. (a) The maintenance and care of the memorial authorized under the first section shall be the responsibility of the Secretary.

(b) There are authorized to be appropriated for the fiscal year beginning on October 1, 1977, and each fiscal year thereafter such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of subsection (a).

Appropriation
authorization.

SEC. 6. No funds other than funds described in section 3 and funds authorized to be appropriated in section 5(b) may be used by the Administrator or the Secretary to carry out this Act.

SEC. 7. The Secretary shall carry out any functions of the Administrator under this Act after the termination of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration pursuant to section 7 of the Act of December 11, 1973 (87 Stat. 701), provided that the Secretary shall consult with those persons who were members of the American Revolution Bicentennial Board on the date of its termination.

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