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# S. 1328

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 18, 2013

Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. DURBIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4        This Act may be cited as the “New Philadelphia, Illi-  
5        nois, Study Act”.

6        **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7        Congress finds that—

1           (1) Frank McWorter, an enslaved man, bought  
2 his freedom and the freedom of 15 family members  
3 by mining for crude niter in Kentucky caves and  
4 processing the mined material into saltpeter;

5           (2) New Philadelphia, founded in 1836 by  
6 Frank McWorter, was the first town planned and le-  
7 gally registered by a free African-American before  
8 the Civil War;

9           (3) the first railroad constructed in the area of  
10 New Philadelphia bypassed New Philadelphia, which  
11 led to the decline of New Philadelphia; and

12           (4) the New Philadelphia site—

13                 (A) is a registered National Historic Land-  
14 mark;

15                 (B) is covered by farmland; and

16                 (C) does not contain any original buildings  
17 of the town or the McWorter farm and home  
18 that are visible above ground.

19 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

20 In this Act:

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

23           (2) **STUDY AREA.**—The term “Study Area”  
24 means the New Philadelphia archeological site and  
25 the surrounding land in the State of Illinois.

1 **SEC. 4. SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY.**

2 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary shall conduct a special  
3 resource study of the Study Area.

4 (b) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study under sub-  
5 section (a), the Secretary shall—

6 (1) evaluate the national significance of the  
7 Study Area;

8 (2) determine the suitability and feasibility of  
9 designating the Study Area as a unit of the National  
10 Park System;

11 (3) consider other alternatives for preservation,  
12 protection, and interpretation of the Study Area  
13 by—

14 (A) Federal, State, or local governmental  
15 entities; or

16 (B) private and nonprofit organizations;

17 (4) consult with—

18 (A) interested Federal, State, or local gov-  
19 ernmental entities;

20 (B) private and nonprofit organizations; or

21 (C) any other interested individuals; and

22 (5) identify cost estimates for any Federal ac-  
23 quisition, development, interpretation, operation, and  
24 maintenance associated with the alternatives consid-  
25 ered under paragraph (3).

1           (c) APPLICABLE LAW.—The study required under  
2 subsection (a) shall be conducted in accordance with sec-  
3 tion 8 of Public Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a–5).

4           (d) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date  
5 on which funds are first made available for the study  
6 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the  
7 Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-  
8 resentatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural  
9 Resources of the Senate a report containing—

10                   (1) the results of the study; and

11                   (2) any conclusions and recommendations of the  
12 Secretary.

13           (e) FUNDING.—The study authorized under this sec-  
14 tion shall be carried out using existing funds of the Na-  
15 tional Park Service.

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