

115TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 1026

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## AN ACT

To revise the authorized route of the North Country National Scenic Trail in northeastern Minnesota and to extend the trail into Vermont to connect with the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “North Country Na-  
3 tional Scenic Trail Route Adjustment Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. ROUTE ADJUSTMENT.**

5 Section 5(a)(8) of the National Trails System Act (16  
6 U.S.C. 1244(a)(8)) is amended in the first sentence—

7 (1) by striking “thirty-two hundred miles, ex-  
8 tending from eastern New York State” and inserting  
9 “4,600 miles, extending from the Appalachian Trail  
10 in Vermont”; and

11 (2) by striking “Proposed North Country Trail”  
12 and all that follows through “June 1975.” and in-  
13 sserting “‘North Country National Scenic Trail, Au-  
14 thorized Route’, dated February 2014, and num-  
15 bered 649/116870.”.

16 **SEC. 3. LAND ACQUISITION.**

17 Neither the Secretary of Agriculture nor the Sec-  
18 retary of the Interior may acquire for the North Country  
19 National Scenic Trail land in Minnesota or Vermont that  
20 was obtained through condemnation by a State or local  
21 government.

22 **SEC. 4. ENERGY.**

23 Nothing in the amendments made by this Act that  
24 change the authorized route of the North Country Na-  
25 tional Scenic Trail in Minnesota or Vermont shall prohibit  
26 the development, production, conveyance, or transmission

1 of energy in those States, with reasonable efforts made  
2 to preserve the nature and purpose of the North Country  
3 National Scenic Trail, and to mitigate any damage to that  
4 trail and its associated resources caused by such activities.

Passed the House of Representatives June 5, 2018.

Attest:

*Clerk.*

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