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To direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a pilot program for a Federal and State multi-entity pass accepted by one or more Federal land management agencies and one or more State land management agencies, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COLLINS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Natural Resources

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 “Recreation and Out-
5 door Access Membership Act” or the “ROAM Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM FOR STATE AND NATIONAL**
2 **PASSES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall
5 begin implementing a pilot program to issue a pass for
6 a specified period not to exceed 12 months that allows
7 entry into parks and other outdoor recreation areas under
8 the jurisdiction of one or more Federal land management
9 agencies and one or more State land management agencies
10 in States located in the National Park Service South-
11 eastern Region.

12 (b) PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Before including entry into
14 a State park and other outdoor recreation area as
15 part of a multi-entity pass, the Secretary shall enter
16 into a partnership agreement, with the appropriate
17 State land management agencies, that includes the
18 following regarding the multi-entity pass:

19 (A) Consent of the required State entities.

20 (B) The price of the multi-entity pass.

21 (C) The distribution of revenues between
22 the Federal and State agencies.

23 (D) The sharing of costs between the Fed-
24 eral and State agencies.

25 (E) The benefits provided by the multi-en-
26 tity pass.

1 (F) Marketing and design of the multi-en-
2 tity pass.

3 (G) The terms of issuance of the multi-en-
4 tity pass, including to volunteers, veterans, and
5 other groups that or individuals who may re-
6 ceive a free or discounted multi-entity pass.

7 (2) NO NET REVENUE LOSS.—The Secretary—

8 (A) shall take into consideration all rel-
9 evant visitor and sales data available when en-
10 tering into an agreement under this section;
11 and

12 (B) shall not enter into an agreement that
13 would result in the Secretary or the relevant
14 States collecting less net revenue for multi-enti-
15 ty passes under this section than the Secretary
16 or the relevant States, respectively, would col-
17 lect from non-multi-entity passes for entry into
18 the same parks and outdoor recreation areas.

19 (c) SUNSET.—

20 (1) AUTHORITY.—The authority of the Sec-
21 retary under this section shall expire 4 years after
22 the effective date of the first partnership agreement
23 entered into by the Secretary under subsection (b).

24 (2) MULTI-ENTITY PASSES.—The Secretary
25 shall not issue a multi-entity pass under the pro-

1 gram required under subsection (a) after the date
2 that is 3 years after that program is established.

3 **SEC. 3. STUDY.**

4 Not later than 5 years after the effective date of the
5 first partnership agreement entered into by the Secretary
6 under section 2(b), the Secretary shall submit a report to
7 Congress that includes—

8 (1) the outcome of the pilot program; and

9 (2) a recommendation regarding whether or not
10 to implement the pilot program permanently nation-
11 wide.

12 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

13 In this Act, the following apply:

14 (1) **MULTI-ENTITY PASS.**—The term “multi-en-
15 tity pass” means a pass for entry into parks and
16 other outdoor recreation areas under the jurisdiction
17 of one or more Federal land management agencies
18 and one or more State land management agencies
19 issued under the pilot program established pursuant
20 to section 2(a).

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

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