

118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 961

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## AN ACT

To redesignate the Salem Maritime National Historic Site in Salem, Massachusetts, as the “Salem Maritime National Historical Park”, 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 “Salem Maritime Na-  
3 tional Historical Park Redesignation and Boundary Study  
4 Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. SALEM MARITIME NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK.**

6 (a) REDESIGNATION.—The Salem Maritime National  
7 Historic Site in Salem, Massachusetts, shall be known and  
8 designated as the “Salem Maritime National Historical  
9 Park”.

10 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-  
11 ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United  
12 States to the national historic site referred to in subsection  
13 (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the “Salem Mari-  
14 time National Historical Park”.

15 **SEC. 3. BOUNDARY STUDY.**

16 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
18 the Secretary of the Interior.

19 (2) STUDY AREA.—

20 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “study area”  
21 means the city of Salem, Massachusetts, and  
22 the vicinity of that city.

23 (B) INCLUSIONS.—The term “study area”  
24 includes—

25 (i) the Salem Armory Visitor Center  
26 building; and

1                   (ii) the park located adjacent to that  
2                   building, known as “Salem Armory Park”.

3           (b) STUDY.—The Secretary shall conduct a boundary  
4 study to evaluate the suitability and feasibility of including  
5 in the National Park System, as part of the Salem Mari-  
6 time National Historical Park (as redesignated by section  
7 2(a)), any sites and resources located in the study area  
8 that are associated with—

9                   (1) the maritime history of the study area;

10                   (2) coastal defenses of the study area; or

11                   (3) military history of the study area, including  
12 National Guard and militia activity.

13           (c) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date  
14 on which funds are initially made available to conduct the  
15 study under subsection (b), the Secretary shall submit to  
16 the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the  
17 Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the  
18 House of Representatives a report describing—

19                   (1) the results of the study; and

- 1           (2) any findings, conclusions, and recommenda-
- 2           tions of the Secretary.

Passed the Senate December 18 (legislative day, December 16), 2024.

Attest:

*Secretary.*



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