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S. 2646

To amend the National Trails System Act to provide for the study of the
Emancipation National Historic Trail, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 17, 2019

Mr. CORNYN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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the study of the Emancipation National Historic 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Emancipation National
5 Historic Trail Study Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EMANCIPATION NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL STUDY.**

7 Section 5(c) of the National Trails System Act (16
8 U.S.C. 1244(c)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing:

1 “(47) EMANCIPATION NATIONAL HISTORIC
2 TRAIL.—The Emancipation National Historic Trail,
3 extending approximately 51 miles from the
4 Osterman Building and Reedy Chapel in Galveston,
5 Texas, along Texas State Highway 3 and Interstate
6 Highway 45 North, to Freedmen’s Town, then to
7 Independence Heights and Emancipation Park in
8 Houston, Texas, following the migration route taken
9 by newly freed slaves and other persons of African
10 descent from the major 19th century seaport town
11 of Galveston to the burgeoning community of Freed-
12 men’s Town, located in the 4th Ward of Houston,
13 Texas.”.

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