

118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KAINE (for himself and Mr. WARNER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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 “Blue Ridge Fire Safety  
5 Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR EMERGENCY EXIT, BLUE RIDGE**  
2 **PARKWAY.**

3 Section 2 of the Act of June 30, 1936 (49 Stat. 2041,  
4 chapter 883; 54 Stat. 250, chapter 277; 16 U.S.C. 460a–  
5 3), is amended—

6 (1) by striking “Secretary of the Interior may  
7 issue” and inserting the following: “Secretary of the  
8 Interior—

9 “(1) may issue”; and

10 (2) by striking the period at the end and insert-  
11 ing “; and”; and

12 (3) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(2) shall issue the right-of-way generally de-  
14 picted as ‘Proposed Egress’ on the map entitled  
15 ‘Proposed Wintergreen Emergency Egress Near  
16 Milepost 9.6’, numbered 601/194,694, and dated  
17 September 2024, if the Secretary certifies that—

18 “(A) an evaluation has been completed of  
19 alternatives to the right-of-way for egress that  
20 do not cross Federal land that includes evalu-  
21 ating whether existing trails can be converted to  
22 roads;

23 “(B) an analysis of expected fire ecology  
24 behavior in the event of a fire emergency has  
25 been completed with respect to the right-of-way;  
26 and

1                   “(C) any required reviews with respect to  
2                   the right-of-way have been completed in accord-  
3                   ance with—

4                   “(i) the National Environmental Pol-  
5                   icy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.);  
6                   and

7                   “(ii) division A of subtitle III of title  
8                   54, United States Code.”.