

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 4179

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 31, 2017

Ms. BORDALLO (for herself, Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico, Ms. NORTON, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Mr. SABLAN, and Ms. PLASKETT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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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 “LWCF Parity for Ter-  
5 ritories and DC Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Chapter 2003 of title 54, United States  
4 Code, establishes the Land and Water Conservation  
5 Fund and defines the term “State” to include the  
6 District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, American  
7 Samoa, the Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mar-  
8 iana Islands.

9 (2) According to the Bureau of the Census, the  
10 estimated population of—

11 (A) the District of Columbia currently ex-  
12 ceeds the populations of two States; and

13 (B) Puerto Rico currently exceeds the pop-  
14 ulations of 21 States.

15 **SEC. 3. PARITY FOR TERRITORIES AND THE DISTRICT OF**  
16 **COLUMBIA.**

17 Section 200305(b) of title 54, United States Code,  
18 is amended by striking paragraph (5).

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