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for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. PORTER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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# A BILL

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Interior, 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 “Electronic Permitting  
5 Modernization Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR PERMIT ACCESSI-**  
7 **BILITY.**

8 In order to improve the overall economy, efficiency,  
9 and management of operations and activities of the De-

1 partment of the Interior (referred to in this section as the  
2 “Department”), reduce paperwork, and provide high-quality  
3 ity services and access to the public, the Secretary of the  
4 Interior shall, to the extent practicable—

5 (1) design and deliver modernized electronic  
6 permitting systems to accept, process, and record  
7 applications (including plan submissions, payment  
8 activity, and other related correspondence) for per-  
9 mits, forms, and other paperwork required for activi-  
10 ties regulated by the Department;

11 (2) provide a centralized electronic permitting  
12 system online repository, available to the public on  
13 the Department’s website, that includes—

14 (A) hyperlinks to facilitate navigation to  
15 all Department electronic permitting systems;  
16 and

17 (B) with respect to permits, the contact in-  
18 formation for the appropriate Department em-  
19 ployees providing assistance to State, Tribal,  
20 and local governments; and

21 (3) provide to the Committee on Natural Re-  
22 sources of the House of Representatives and the  
23 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the  
24 Senate periodic updates on the implementation of  
25 paragraphs (1) and (2).