

112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To establish within the Smithsonian Institution the Smithsonian American Latino Museum, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. REID, and Mr. RUBIO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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 “Smithsonian American
5 Latino Museum Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF MUSEUM.**

7 There is established within the Smithsonian Institu-
8 tion a museum to be known as the “Smithsonian Amer-
9 ican Latino Museum”.

1 **SEC. 3. LOCATION AND AUTHORIZATION.**

2 (a) ARTS AND INDUSTRIES BUILDING.—The Arts
3 and Industries Building of the Smithsonian Institution, lo-
4 cated on the National Mall at 900 Jefferson Drive, South-
5 west, Washington, District of Columbia, including a new
6 underground annex facility, is designated as the location
7 of the Smithsonian American Latino Museum.

8 (b) PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION.—The Board of
9 Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, in consultation
10 with the Secretary of the Interior, the Commission of Fine
11 Arts, and the National Capital Planning Commission, and
12 with other appropriate Federal and local agencies, is au-
13 thorized to prepare plans, design, renovate, rehabilitate,
14 and construct the Smithsonian American Latino Museum
15 facility, as referred to in the May 2011 Report to Congress
16 of the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a
17 National Museum of the American Latino.

18 (c) SCHEDULE AND FUNDING.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Board of Regents is au-
20 thorized to prepare a plan of action for the Smithso-
21 nian American Latino Museum, and to identify and
22 evaluate viable funding models for both construction
23 and operation of the Museum.

24 (2) TIMING.—The plan of action authorized in
25 paragraph (1) shall be concluded not later than 18
26 months after the date of enactment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 4. AGREEMENT WITH SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.**

2 The Secretary of the Interior and the Board of Re-
3 gents of the Smithsonian Institution shall enter into an
4 agreement that—

5 (1) allows for the planning, design, and con-
6 struction of the underground annex facility by the
7 Board of Regents, in a manner harmonious with and
8 to protect the open space and visual sightlines of the
9 Mall; and

10 (2) provides a timeline for the transfer of ad-
11 ministrative jurisdiction, if necessary, of the appro-
12 priate subsurface area from the Secretary of the In-
13 terior to the Smithsonian Institution.

14 **SEC. 5. CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF COM-**
15 **MISSION.**

16 In carrying out its duties under this Act, the Board
17 of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution shall take into
18 consideration the reports and plans submitted by the Com-
19 mission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Mu-
20 seum of the American Latino under section 333 of the
21 Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 (Public Law
22 110–229; 122 Stat. 784).