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1ST SESSION

H. R. 4318

To relocate the headquarters of the Appalachian Regional Commission, and
for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 1, 2021

Mr. GRIFFITH (for himself and Mr. BARR) introduced the following bill; which
was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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Commission, 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 “Appalachian Regional
5 Commission Relocation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) Regional commissions, such as the Delta
9 Regional Authority, the Denali Commission, and the

1 Northern Border Regional Commission, are each
2 headquartered in their respective region.

3 (2) Headquartering regional commissions with-
4 in the region affected is a sensible approach to en-
5 sure that the commissions are housed in more af-
6 fordable locations than the District of Columbia,
7 thereby reducing administrative overhead and mak-
8 ing the commissions closer and more accountable to
9 the people the commissions were designed to serve.

10 **SEC. 3. HEADQUARTERS OF THE APPALACHIAN REGIONAL**
11 **COMMISSION.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 14301 of title 40, United
13 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
14 lowing:

15 “(g) HEADQUARTERS.—The headquarters of the
16 Commission shall be located in the Appalachian region.”.

17 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
19 the date of enactment of this Act, the Federal Co-
20 chairman of the Commission shall take such actions
21 as may be necessary to carry out the amendment
22 made in subsection (a).

23 (2) EXTENSION.—The Federal Cochairman of
24 the Commission may extend, by up to 180 days, the
25 period for implementation specified in paragraph (1)

1 if the Federal Cochairman submits to the Committee
2 on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House
3 of Representatives and the Committee on Environ-
4 ment and Public Works of the Senate written notice
5 of the need for the extension.

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