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To amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian Tribes, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 27, 2023

Mr. COLE (for himself, Ms. McCOLLUM, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. GALLEGRO, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. STANSBURY, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Mr. LAMALFA, and Mr. CARL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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. REAFFIRMATION OF AUTHORITY.**

4 (a) MODIFICATION.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The first sentence of section
6 19 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (25 U.S.C. 5129),
7 is amended—

1 (A) by striking “The term” and inserting
2 “Effective beginning June 18, 1934, the term”;
3 and

4 (B) by striking “any recognized Indian
5 tribe now under Federal jurisdiction” and in-
6 serting “any federally recognized Indian Tribe”.

7 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
8 by paragraph (1) shall take effect as if included in
9 the Act of June 18, 1934 (commonly known as the
10 “Indian Reorganization Act”; 25 U.S.C. 5101 et
11 seq.), on the date of the enactment of that Act.

12 (b) RATIFICATION AND CONFIRMATION OF AC-
13 TIONS.—Any action taken by the Secretary of the Interior
14 pursuant to the Act of June 18, 1934 (25 U.S.C. 5101
15 et seq.), for any Indian Tribe that was federally recognized
16 on the date of the action is ratified and confirmed, to the
17 extent such action is subjected to challenge based on
18 whether the Indian Tribe was federally recognized or
19 under Federal jurisdiction on June 18, 1934, as if the ac-
20 tion had, by prior Act of Congress, been specifically au-
21 thorized and directed.

22 (c) EFFECT ON OTHER LAWS.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this section or
24 the amendments made by this section affects—

1 (A) the application or effect of any Federal
2 law other than the Act of June 18, 1934 (25
3 U.S.C. 5101 et seq.), as amended by subsection
4 (a); or

5 (B) any limitation on the authority of the
6 Secretary of the Interior under any Federal law
7 or regulation other than the Act of June 18,
8 1934 (25 U.S.C. 5101 et seq.), as amended by
9 subsection (a).

10 (2) REFERENCES IN OTHER LAWS.—An express
11 reference to the Act of June 18, 1934 (25 U.S.C.
12 5101 et seq.), contained in any other Federal law
13 shall be considered to be a reference to that Act as
14 amended by subsection (a).

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