

116TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 6535

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 17, 2020

Mr. GALLEGRO (for himself and Mr. MULLIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. DEEMING AN URBAN INDIAN ORGANIZATION**  
2 **AND EMPLOYEES THEREOF TO BE A PART OF**  
3 **THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE FOR THE PUR-**  
4 **POSES OF CERTAIN CLAIMS FOR PERSONAL**  
5 **INJURY.**

6 Title V of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act  
7 (25 U.S.C. 1651) is amended by adding at the end the  
8 following:

9 **“SEC. 519. DEEMING AN URBAN INDIAN ORGANIZATION**  
10 **AND EMPLOYEES THEREOF TO BE A PART OF**  
11 **THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE FOR THE PUR-**  
12 **POSES OF CERTAIN CLAIMS FOR PERSONAL**  
13 **INJURY.**

14 “Section 102(d) of the Indian Self-Determination  
15 and Education Assistance Act shall apply—

16 “(1) to an Urban Indian organization to the  
17 same extent and in the same manner as such section  
18 applies to an Indian tribe, a tribal organization, and  
19 an Indian contractor; and

20 “(2) to the employees of an Urban Indian orga-  
21 nization to the same extent and in the same manner  
22 as such section applies to employees of an Indian  
23 tribe, a tribal organization, or an Indian con-  
24 tractor.”.

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