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# S. 279

To amend the Act of June 7, 1924, to provide for the exercise of criminal jurisdiction.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

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## A BILL

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exercise of criminal jurisdiction.

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. CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.**

4 The Act of June 7, 1924 (43 Stat. 636, chapter 331)  
5 is amended by adding at the end the following:

6 **“SEC. 20. CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided by  
8 Congress, jurisdiction over offenses committed anywhere  
9 within the exterior boundaries of any grant from a prior  
10 sovereign, as confirmed by Congress or the Court of Pri-

1 vate Land Claims to a Pueblo Indian tribe of New Mexico,  
 2 shall be as provided in this section.

3 “(b) JURISDICTION OF THE PUEBLO.—The Pueblo  
 4 shall have jurisdiction, as an act of the inherent power  
 5 of the Pueblo as an Indian tribe, over any offense com-  
 6 mitted by a member of the Pueblo or of another federally  
 7 recognized Indian tribe, or by any other Indian-owned en-  
 8 tity.

9 “(c) JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES.—The  
 10 United States shall have jurisdiction over any offense de-  
 11 scribed in chapter 53 of title 18, United States Code, com-  
 12 mitted by or against a member of any federally recognized  
 13 Indian tribe or any Indian-owned entity, or that involves  
 14 any Indian property or interest.

15 “(d) JURISDICTION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEX-  
 16 ICO.—The State of New Mexico shall have jurisdiction  
 17 over any offense committed by a person who is not a mem-  
 18 ber of a federally recognized Indian tribe, which offense  
 19 is not subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.”.

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