

115TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 5244

To reaffirm the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe reservation, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 9, 2018

Mr. KEATING (for himself, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. LYNCH, and Mr. MEEKS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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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,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Mashpee Wampanoag  
5       Tribe Reservation Reaffirmation Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. REAFFIRMATION OF INDIAN TRUST LAND.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—The taking of land into trust by  
8       the United States for the benefit of the Mashpee  
9       Wampanoag Tribe of Massachusetts as described in the  
10      final Notice of Reservation Proclamation published at 81

1 Federal Register 948 (January 8, 2016) is reaffirmed as  
2 trust land, and the actions of the Secretary of the Interior  
3 in taking that land into trust are ratified and confirmed.

4 (b) APPLICATION.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
5 sion of law, an action (including an action pending in a  
6 Federal court as of the date of enactment of this Act) re-  
7 lating to the land described in subsection (a) shall not be  
8 filed or maintained in a Federal court and shall be  
9 promptly dismissed.

10 (c) APPLICABILITY OF LAWS.—All laws (including  
11 regulations) of the United States of general applicability  
12 to Indians or nations, Indian Tribes, or bands of Indians  
13 (including the Act of June 18, 1934 (25 U.S.C. 5101 et  
14 seq.)) shall be applicable to the Tribe and Tribal members.

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