

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6021

AN ACT

To clarify the treatment of authentic Alaska Native articles of handicraft containing nonedible migratory bird parts under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Archie Cavanaugh Mi-
3 gratory Bird Treaty Clarification Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

5 The purpose of this Act is to clarify the treatment
6 of authentic Alaska Native articles of handicraft offered
7 for sale under the Convention between the United States
8 and Japan for the Protection of Migratory Birds and
9 Birds in Danger of Extinction and Their Environment,
10 signed at Tokyo March 4, 1974 (TIAS 7990).

11 **SEC. 3. CLARIFICATION FOR AUTHENTIC ALASKA NATIVE**
12 **ARTICLES OF HANDICRAFT CONTAINING MI-**
13 **GRATORY BIRD PARTS.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
15 date of the enactment of this Act—

16 (1) the Secretary of State shall work with the
17 Secretary of the Interior to enter into appropriate
18 bilateral procedures, as necessary, with the foreign
19 country that is party to the treaty described in sec-
20 tion 2 to clarify the treatment of authentic Alaska
21 Native articles of handicraft to be offered for sale
22 containing nonedible migratory bird parts from the
23 species of migratory birds listed in the treaty; and

24 (2) the Secretary of the Interior may modify
25 any regulations implementing the Migratory Bird
26 Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703 et seq.), as appropriate,

1 consistent with the treaty described in section 2, in
2 consultation with the foreign country that is party to
3 the treaty, the Alaska Migratory Bird Co-Manage-
4 ment Council, and the Pacific Flyway Council, and
5 in coordination with the Law Enforcement Office of
6 the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to im-
7 plement any necessary clarifications resulting from
8 the procedures described in paragraph (1), including
9 conditions for consignment and re-sale, certification
10 of authenticity, and provisions pertaining to species
11 of conservation concern.

12 (b) MODIFICATION OF REGULATIONS.—If the Sec-
13 retary of the Interior determines that any of the species
14 used under this section show significant population de-
15 clines or is determined to be a Bird of Conservation Con-
16 cern pursuant to section 13 of the Fish and Wildlife Con-
17 servation Act of 1980 (16 U.S.C. 2912), the Secretary
18 may modify regulations to remove the species from appli-
19 cation under this section.

20 (c) OUTREACH.—The Secretary of the Interior shall
21 work in collaboration with the Alaska Migratory Bird Co-
22 Management Council and other appropriate stakeholders
23 to develop outreach and communication resources and
24 means to communicate rules pertaining to the sale of au-

1 thentic Alaska Native articles of handicraft including
2 parts of migratory birds.

3 (d) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 2(a) of the
4 Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703) is amended
5 by inserting a comma after “March 4, 1972”.

6 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

7 (1) ALASKA NATIVE.—The term “Alaska Na-
8 tive” means a member of any Indian Tribe that is
9 based in the State of Alaska, as verified through
10 issuance of—

11 (A) a Tribal enrollment card;

12 (B) a Certificate of Degree of Indian
13 Blood (commonly known as a “CDIB”) by the
14 Bureau of Indian Affairs; or

15 (C) a permit under the Silver Hand pro-
16 gram of the Alaska State Council on the Arts.

17 (2) AUTHENTIC ALASKA NATIVE ARTICLE OF
18 HANDICRAFT.—The term “authentic Alaska Native
19 article of handicraft”—

20 (A) means any item that is—

21 (i) composed, wholly or in a signifi-
22 cant respect, of natural materials that
23 were found, foraged, or gifted; and

24 (ii) produced, decorated, or fashioned
25 in significant part—

1 (I) by an Alaska Native;
2 (II) in the exercise of traditional
3 Alaska Native handicrafts; and
4 (III) without the use of any mass
5 copying device;

6 (B) includes—

7 (i) any weaving, carving, stitching,
8 sewing, lacing, beading, drawing, or paint-
9 ing that meets the criteria described in
10 clause (i); and

11 (ii) any item, including clothing, de-
12 scribed in subclause (I) that combines the
13 techniques described in that subclause; and

14 (C) does not include any item that con-
15 tains a part of a migratory bird that was taken
16 in a wasteful or illegal manner.

17 (3) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian Tribe”
18 has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the
19 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance
20 Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

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2026.

Attest:

Clerk.

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