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# H. R. 1354

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 16, 2005

Mr. SIMMONS (for himself, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. SHAYS, Ms. DELAURO, and Mr. LARSON of Connecticut) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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## A BILL

To provide uniform criteria for the administrative acknowledgment and recognition of Indian tribes, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. UNIFORM CRITERIA FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AC-**  
4 **KNOWLEDGMENT AND RECOGNITION OF IN-**  
5 **DIAN TRIBES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Federal acknowledgment or rec-  
7 ognition shall not be granted to an Indian tribe unless the  
8 Indian tribe has met all of the criteria listed in part 83  
9 of title 25, Code of Federal Regulations, as in effect on

1 January 1, 2004. When issuing proposed findings and  
2 final determinations on Federal acknowledgment or rec-  
3 ognition of an Indian tribe, the Secretary of the Interior  
4 shall publish in the Federal Register detailed findings on  
5 each of those criteria. Such findings shall be accompanied  
6 by a report under part 83 of title 25, Code of Federal  
7 Regulations as in effect on January 1, 2004. This section  
8 shall apply to all petitions regarding which such findings  
9 and report have not been issued as of the date of the en-  
10 actment of this Act.

11 (b) PROHIBITION ON MODIFICATION OF REGULA-  
12 TIONS.—Secretary of the Interior may not modify, amend,  
13 nullify, or change in any way the criteria listed in part  
14 83 of title 25, Code of Federal Regulations, as in effect  
15 on January 1, 2004.

16 **SEC. 2. REPEAL OF REVOLVING DOOR EXEMPTION.**

17 Section 104(j) of the Indian Self-Determination and  
18 Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450i(j)) is repealed.

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