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H. R. 325

To amend the Pribilof Islands Transition Act to require the Secretary of Commerce to provide notice of certification that no further corrective action is required at sites and operable units covered by the Pribilof Islands Environmental Restoration agreement, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 13, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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 “Pribilof Islands Tran-
5 sition Act Amendments of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT OF NOTICE REGARDING CERTIFI-**
2 **CATION UNDER PRIBILOF ISLANDS TRANSI-**
3 **TION ACT.**

4 (a) LANDS.—Section 205 of the Fur Seal Act of 1966
5 (16 U.S.C. 1165) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (f)—

7 (A) by designating the text as paragraph
8 (1); and

9 (B) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(2) In addition to the authority in paragraph (1),
11 the Secretary may transfer or exchange land or interests
12 therein on the Pribilof Islands to the village corporations
13 identified in section 105(c), in accordance with section
14 22(f) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43
15 U.S.C. 1621) as necessary or appropriate to facilitate the
16 transfer of lands and related improvements not specified
17 for transfer in the document entitled ‘Transfer of Property
18 on the Pribilof Islands: Descriptions, Terms and Condi-
19 tions’.”; and

20 (2) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(g)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
22 the village corporations identified in section 105(c) shall
23 have a first priority right to acquire any Federal land on
24 their respective islands (and related improvements on such
25 land) that is not specified for transfer in the document
26 entitled ‘Transfer of Property on the Pribilof Islands: De-

1 scriptions, Terms and Conditions’ and that, after October
2 31, 1983—

3 “(A) ceases to be actually used by the Federal
4 Government in connection with the administration of
5 any Federal installation; or

6 “(B) is in excess of the smallest practicable
7 tract, as determined by the Secretary or the Sec-
8 retary of the department in which the Coast Guard
9 is operating, enclosing land actually used in connec-
10 tion with the administration of any Federal installa-
11 tion, as described in section 3(e) of the Alaska Na-
12 tive Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1602(e)).

13 “(2) Not later than 30 days after determining that
14 Federal land meets either of the criteria specified in sub-
15 paragraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (1), the Secretary
16 shall notify the relevant village corporation of that deter-
17 mination.

18 “(3) Not later than 90 days after receiving notifica-
19 tion under paragraph (2), the relevant village corporation
20 shall notify the Secretary of the corporation’s intent to
21 exercise the priority right to acquire property authorized
22 under paragraph (1) with respect to the property.”.

23 (b) NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION.—Section 105 of the
24 Pribilof Islands Transition Act (title I of Public Law 106–
25 562; 16 U.S.C. 1161 note) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “The Sec-
2 retary” and inserting “Notwithstanding paragraph
3 (2) and effective on the date the Secretary publishes
4 the notice of certification required by subsection
5 (b)(5), the Secretary”;

6 (2) in subsection (b)—

7 (A) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking “205”
8 and inserting “205(a)”; and

9 (B) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(5) NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION.—The Sec-
11 retary shall promptly publish and submit to the
12 Committee on Natural Resources of the House of
13 Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,
14 Science, and Transportation of the Senate notice
15 that the certification described in paragraph (2) has
16 been made.”; and

17 (3) in subsection (c)—

18 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
19 by striking “makes the certification described in
20 subsection (b)(2)” and inserting “publishes the
21 notice of certification required by subsection
22 (b)(5)”; and

1 (B) in paragraph (1), by striking “Section
2 205” and inserting “Subsections (a), (b), (c),
3 and (d) of section 205”.

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