

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3487

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 10, 2015

Ms. NORTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Respect for Native
5 Americans in Professional Sports Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. RESTORING THE APPLICATION OF THE ANTITRUST**
2 **LAWS WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN PROFES-**
3 **SIONAL SPORTS LEAGUES.**

4 (a) REMOVAL OF EXEMPTIONS.—Notwithstanding
5 any other provision of law, the antitrust laws shall apply
6 with respect to a professional sports league if such league
7 uses, or promotes or allows a member team or a franchisee
8 to use or promote the use of, the term “Redskins” (or
9 the term “Redskin”) in connection with such league, or
10 with a team or franchise connected with such league.

11 (b) DEFINITION OF ANTITRUST LAWS.—The term
12 “antitrust laws” has the meaning given it in subsection
13 (a) of the first section of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C.
14 12(a)), except that such term includes section 5 of the
15 Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 45) to the ex-
16 tent such section 5 applies to unfair methods of competi-
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