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# S. 732

To amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 12, 2015

Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. UDALL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

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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. REAFFIRMATION OF AUTHORITY.**

4 (a) MODIFICATION.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The first sentence of section  
6 19 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (commonly known  
7 as the “Indian Reorganization Act”) (25 U.S.C.  
8 479), is amended—

1 (A) by striking “The term” and inserting  
2 “Effective beginning on June 18, 1934, the  
3 term”; and

4 (B) by striking “any recognized Indian  
5 tribe now under Federal jurisdiction” and in-  
6 serting “any federally recognized Indian tribe”.

7 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made  
8 by paragraph (1) shall take effect as if included in  
9 the Act of June 18, 1934 (commonly known as the  
10 “Indian Reorganization Act”) (25 U.S.C. 479), on  
11 the date of enactment of that Act.

12 (b) RATIFICATION AND CONFIRMATION OF AC-  
13 TIONS.—Any action taken by the Secretary of the Interior  
14 pursuant to the Act of June 18, 1934 (commonly known  
15 as the “Indian Reorganization Act”) (25 U.S.C. 461 et  
16 seq.), for any Indian tribe that was federally recognized  
17 on the date of that action is ratified and confirmed, to  
18 the extent such action is subjected to challenge based on  
19 whether the Indian tribe was federally recognized or under  
20 Federal jurisdiction on June 18, 1934, as if the action  
21 had, by prior Act of Congress, been specifically authorized  
22 and directed.

23 (c) EFFECT ON OTHER LAWS.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this section or  
25 the amendments made by this section shall affect—

1 (A) the application or effect of any Federal  
2 law other than the Act of June 18, 1934 (25  
3 U.S.C. 461 et seq.), as amended by subsection  
4 (a); or

5 (B) any limitation on the authority of the  
6 Secretary of the Interior under any Federal law  
7 or regulation other than the Act of June 18,  
8 1934 (25 U.S.C. 461 et seq.), as so amended.

9 (2) REFERENCES IN OTHER LAWS.—An express  
10 reference to the Act of June 18, 1934 (25 U.S.C.  
11 461 et seq.), contained in any other Federal law  
12 shall be considered to be a reference to that Act as  
13 amended by subsection (a).

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