

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3137

To reaffirm the trust status of land taken into trust by the United States pursuant to the Act of June 18, 1934, for the benefit of an Indian tribe that was federally recognized on the date that the land was taken into trust, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 21, 2015

Mr. COLE (for himself, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. BYRNE, Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. MURPHY of Florida, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. MOORE, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. TAKAI, Mr. BENISHEK, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. KILMER, and Mr. SIMPSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

To reaffirm the trust status of land taken into trust by the United States pursuant to the Act of June 18, 1934, for the benefit of an Indian tribe that was federally recognized on the date that the land was taken into trust, 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. REAFFIRMATION OF STATUS AND ACTIONS.**

4 (a) REAFFIRMATION OF TRUST STATUS.—Land
5 taken into trust by the United States pursuant to the Act

1 of June 18, 1934 (25 U.S.C. 465), before the date of en-
2 actment of this Act for the benefit of an Indian tribe that
3 was federally recognized on the date that the land was
4 taken into trust is reaffirmed as trust land.

5 (b) RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS OF THE SEC-
6 RETARY.—Any action taken by the Secretary of the Inte-
7 rior for the purpose of acquiring and taking land into trust
8 under the Act of June 18, 1934 (25 U.S.C. 465), is hereby
9 ratified and confirmed as fully and for all intents and pur-
10 poses as if that action had been taken under a Federal
11 law specifically authorizing or directing that action.

12 (c) APPLICATION.—This Act shall apply to all claims
13 (including claims challenging the validity of title or the
14 effectiveness of any action of the Secretary acquiring and
15 taking land into trust) pending on the date of the enact-
16 ment of this Act or filed on or after the date of the enact-
17 ment of this Act.

18 (d) INDIAN COUNTRY.—Any land taken into trust
19 that has been ratified and confirmed pursuant to this Act
20 shall remain Indian country pursuant to section 1151 of
21 title 18, United States Code.

22 (e) ADDITIONAL LAND.—Nothing in this Act shall
23 alter or diminish the right of any federally recognized In-
24 dian tribe or the authority of the Secretary with respect
25 to land taken into trust after the date of the enactment

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1 of this Act for the benefit of a federally recognized Indian
2 tribe.

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