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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.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Ms. HANABUSA, Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. MOORE, Mr. BECERRA, Ms. TSONGAS, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, and Ms. MCCOLLUM) 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. 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. 479),
8 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 the 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 that date of the 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, ratified and con-
21 firmed as fully to all intents and purposes as if the action
22 had, by prior Act of Congress, been specifically authorized
23 and directed.

24 (c) EFFECT ON OTHER LAWS.—

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

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

7 (B) any limitation on the authority of the
8 Secretary of the Interior under any Federal law
9 or regulation other than the Act of June 18,
10 1934 (25 U.S.C. 461 et seq.), as so amended.

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

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