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# S. 2282

To amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to enable Indian Tribes and tribally designated housing entities to apply for, receive, and administer grants and subgrants under the Continuum of Care Program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 25, 2019

Ms. SMITH (for herself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. UDALL, and Mr. TESTER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Tribal Access to  
5 Homeless Assistance Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. PARTICIPATION OF INDIAN TRIBES AND TRIBALLY**  
 2 **DESIGNATED HOUSING ENTITIES IN CON-**  
 3 **TINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title IV of the McKinney-Vento  
 5 Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360 et seq.) is  
 6 amended—

7 (1) in section 401 (42 U.S.C. 11360)—

8 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (10)  
 9 through (33) as paragraphs (12) through (35),  
 10 respectively;

11 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (8) and  
 12 (9) as paragraphs (9) and (10), respectively;

13 (C) by inserting after paragraph (7) the  
 14 following:

15 “(8) FORMULA AREA.—The term ‘formula area’  
 16 has the meaning given the term in section 1000.302  
 17 of title 24, Code of Federal Regulations, or any suc-  
 18 cessor regulation.”;

19 (D) in paragraph (9), as so redesignated,  
 20 by inserting “a formula area,” after “non-  
 21 entitlement area,”; and

22 (E) by inserting after paragraph (10), as  
 23 so redesignated, the following:

24 “(11) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term ‘Indian Tribe’  
 25 has the meaning given the term ‘Indian tribe’ in sec-  
 26 tion 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance

1 and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C.  
2 4103).”; and

3 (2) in subtitle C (42 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.), by  
4 adding at the end the following:

5 **“SEC. 435. INDIAN TRIBES AND TRIBALLY DESIGNATED**  
6 **HOUSING ENTITIES.**

7 “Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, for  
8 purposes of this subtitle, an Indian Tribe or tribally des-  
9 ignated housing entity (as defined in section 4 of the Na-  
10 tive American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination  
11 Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103)) may—

12 “(1) be a collaborative applicant or eligible enti-  
13 ty; or

14 “(2) receive grant amounts from another entity  
15 that receives a grant directly from the Secretary,  
16 and use the amounts in accordance with this sub-  
17 title.”.

18 (b) **TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—**

19 The table of contents in section 101(b) of the McKinney-  
20 Vento Homeless Assistance Act (Public Law 100–77; 101  
21 Stat. 482) is amended by inserting after the item relating  
22 to section 434 the following:

“Sec. 435. Indian Tribes and tribally designated housing entities.”.

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