

108TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 1421

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## AN ACT

To authorize the subdivision and dedication of restricted  
land owned by Alaska Natives.

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 “Alaska Native Allot-  
5       ment Subdivision Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) RESTRICTED LAND.—The term “restricted  
4 land” means land in the State that is subject to  
5 Federal restrictions against alienation and taxation.

6 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
7 the Secretary of the Interior.

8 (3) STATE.—The term “State” means the State  
9 of Alaska.

10 **SEC. 3. SUBDIVISION AND DEDICATION OF ALASKA NATIVE**  
11 **RESTRICTED LAND.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—An Alaska Native owner of re-  
13 stricted land may, subject to the approval of the  
14 Secretary—

15 (1) subdivide the restricted land in accordance  
16 with the laws of the—

17 (A) State; or

18 (B) applicable local platting authority; and

19 (2) execute a certificate of ownership and dedi-  
20 cation with respect to the restricted land subdivided  
21 under paragraph (1) with the same effect under  
22 State law as if the restricted land subdivided and  
23 dedicated were held by unrestricted fee simple title.

24 (b) RATIFICATION OF PRIOR SUBDIVISIONS AND  
25 DEDICATIONS.—Any subdivision or dedication of re-  
26 stricted land executed before the date of enactment of this

1 Act that has been approved by the Secretary and by the  
 2 relevant State or local platting authority, as appropriate,  
 3 shall be considered to be ratified and confirmed by Con-  
 4 gress as of the date on which the Secretary approved the  
 5 subdivision or dedication.

6 **SEC. 4. EFFECT ON STATUS OF LAND NOT DEDICATED.**

7 Except in a case in which a specific interest in re-  
 8 stricted land is dedicated under section 3(a)(2), nothing  
 9 in this Act terminates, diminishes, or otherwise affects the  
 10 continued existence and applicability of Federal restric-  
 11 tions against alienation and taxation on restricted land or  
 12 interests in restricted land (including restricted land sub-  
 13 divided under section 3(a)(1)).

Passed the Senate September 15, 2004.

Attest:

*Secretary.*

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