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113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION**S. 2188**

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 SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 31, 2014

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

AUGUST 26, 2014

Reported, under authority of the order of the Senate of August 5 (legislative day, August 1), 2014, by Mr. TESTER, with an amendment

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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.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The first sentence of section
2 19 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (commonly known
3 as the “Indian Reorganization Act”) (25 U.S.C.
4 479), is amended—

5 (A) by striking “The term” and inserting
6 “Effective beginning on June 18, 1934, the
7 term”; and

8 (B) by striking “any recognized Indian
9 tribe now under Federal jurisdiction” and in-
10 serting “any federally recognized Indian tribe”.

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

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

1 had, by prior Act of Congress, been specifically authorized
 2 and directed.

3 (c) EFFECT ON OTHER LAWS.—

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

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

10 (B) any limitation on the authority of the
 11 Secretary of the Interior under any Federal law
 12 or regulation other than the Act of June 18,
 13 1934 (25 U.S.C. 461 et seq.), as so amended.

14 (2) REFERENCES IN OTHER LAWS.—An express
 15 reference to the Act of June 18, 1934 (25 U.S.C.
 16 461 et seq.), contained in any other Federal law
 17 shall be considered to be a reference to that Act as
 18 amended by subsection (a).

19 (d) *STUDY; PUBLICATION.*—

20 (1) *STUDY.*—*The Secretary of the Interior shall*
 21 *conduct, and submit to Congress a report describing*
 22 *the results of, a study that—*

23 (A) *assesses the effects of the decision of the*
 24 *Supreme Court in the case styled Carcieri v.*

1 *Salazar (129 S. Ct. 1058) on Indian tribes and*
2 *tribal land; and*

3 *(B) includes a list of each Indian tribe and*
4 *parcel of tribal land affected by that decision.*

5 (2) *PUBLICATION.*—*On completion of the report*
6 *under paragraph (1) and by not later than 1 year*
7 *after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary*
8 *of the Interior shall publish the list described in para-*
9 *graph (1)(B)—*

10 *(A) in the Federal Register; and*

11 *(B) on the public website of the Department*
12 *of the Interior.*

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