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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 15, 2023

Ms. SMITH (for herself and Mr. MULLEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Urban Indian Health Confer Act”.

SEC. 2. URBAN INDIAN ORGANIZATION CONFER POLICY.

Section 514 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1660d) is amended by striking subsection (b) and inserting the following:

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“(b) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary shall ensure that the Service and the other agencies and offices of the Department confer, to the maximum extent practicable, with urban Indian organizations in carrying out—

“(1) this Act; and

“(2) other provisions of law relating to Indian health care.”.