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# H. R. 1291

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 31, 2011

Mr. COLE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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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. AUTHORITY REAFFIRMED.**

4 (a) CLARIFICATION.—Section 5 of the Act of June  
5 18, 1934 (commonly known as the “Indian Reorganization  
6 Act”; 25 U.S.C. 465), is amended in the first sentence  
7 by striking “The Secretary” and inserting “Except in  
8 Alaska, the Secretary”.

1 (b) REAFFIRMATION.—Section 19 of the Act of June  
2 18, 1934 (commonly known as the “Indian Reorganization  
3 Act”; 25 U.S.C. 479), is amended—

4 (1) in the first sentence—

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 sserting “any federally recognized Indian tribe”;  
11 and

12 (2) by striking the third sentence and inserting  
13 the following: “In this section, the term ‘Indian  
14 tribe’ means any Indian or Alaska Native tribe,  
15 band, nation, pueblo, village, or community that the  
16 Secretary of the Interior acknowledges to exist as an  
17 Indian tribe.”.

18 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
19 this section shall take effect as if included in the Act of  
20 June 18, 1934 (commonly known as the “Indian Reorga-  
21 nization Act”; 25 U.S.C. 479), on the date of enactment  
22 of that Act.

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