

Union Calendar No. 82

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1619

[Report No. 117-114]

To clarify the status of gaming conducted by the Catawba Indian Nation,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 8, 2021

Mr. CLYBURN (for himself, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. TIMMONS, and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

AUGUST 13, 2021

Reported from the Committee on Natural Resources; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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 “Catawba Indian Nation
5 Lands Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. APPLICATION OF CURRENT LAW.**

7 (a) LANDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.—Section 14 of the
8 Catawba Indian Tribe of South Carolina Claims Settle-
9 ment Act of 1993 (Public Law 103–116) shall only apply
10 to gaming conducted by the Catawba Indian Nation on
11 lands located in South Carolina.

12 (b) LANDS IN STATES OTHER THAN SOUTH CARO-
13 LINA.—Gaming conducted by the Catawba Indian Nation
14 on lands located in States other than South Carolina shall
15 be subject to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25
16 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.) and sections 1166 through 1168 of
17 title 18, United States Code.

18 **SEC. 3. REAFFIRMATION OF STATUS AND ACTIONS.**

19 (a) RATIFICATION OF TRUST STATUS.—The action
20 taken by the Secretary on July 10, 2020, to place approxi-
21 mately 17 acres of land located in Cleveland County,
22 North Carolina, into trust for the benefit of the Catawba
23 Indian Nation is hereby ratified and confirmed as if that
24 action had been taken under a Federal law specifically au-
25 thorizing or directing that action.

1 (b) ADMINISTRATION.—The land placed into trust for
2 the benefit of the Catawba Indian Nation by the Secretary
3 on July 10, 2020, shall—

4 (1) be a part of the Catawba Reservation and
5 administered in accordance with the laws and regu-
6 lations generally applicable to land held in trust by
7 the United States for an Indian Tribe; and

8 (2) be deemed to have been acquired and taken
9 into trust as part of the restoration of lands for an
10 Indian tribe that is restored to Federal recognition
11 pursuant to section 20(b)(1)(B)(iii) of the Indian
12 Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C.
13 2719(b)(1)(B)(iii)).

14 (c) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act
15 shall—

16 (1) enlarge, impair, or otherwise affect any
17 right or claim of the Catawba Indian Nation to any
18 land or interest in land in existence before the date
19 of the enactment of this Act;

20 (2) affect any water right of the Catawba In-
21 dian Nation in existence before the date of the en-
22 actment of this Act;

23 (3) terminate or limit any access in any way to
24 any right-of-way or right-of-use issued, granted, or

1 permitted before the date of the enactment of this
2 Act; or

3 (4) alter or diminish the right of the Catawba
4 Indian Nation to seek to have additional land taken
5 into trust by the United States for the benefit of the
6 Catawba Indian Nation.

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