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[Report No. 119-]

To amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to clarify the treatment of authentic Alaska Native articles of handicraft containing nonedible migratory bird parts, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 12, 2025

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

SEPTEMBER --, 2026

Reported with amendments, committed to the Committee of the Whole House
on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on November 12, 2025]

A BILL

To amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to clarify the treatment of authentic Alaska Native articles of handicraft containing nonedible migratory bird parts, and for other purposes.

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 “Archie Cavanaugh Mi-*
5 *gratory Bird Treaty Clarification Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

7 *The purpose of this Act is to clarify the treatment of*
8 *authentic Alaska Native articles of handicraft offered for*
9 *sale under the Convention between the United States and*
10 *Japan for the Protection of Migratory Birds and Birds in*
11 *Danger of Extinction and Their Environment, signed at*
12 *Tokyo March 4, 1974 (TIAS 7990).*

13 **SEC. 3. CLARIFICATION FOR AUTHENTIC ALASKA NATIVE**
14 **ARTICLES OF HANDICRAFT CONTAINING MI-**
15 **GRATORY BIRD PARTS.**

16 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the*
17 *date of the enactment of this Act—*

18 *(1) the Secretary of State shall work with the*
19 *Secretary of the Interior to enter into appropriate bi-*
20 *lateral procedures, as necessary, with the foreign*
21 *country that is party to the treaty described in sec-*
22 *tion 2 to clarify the treatment of authentic Alaska*
23 *Native articles of handicraft to be offered for sale con-*
24 *taining nonedible migratory bird parts from the spe-*
25 *cies of migratory birds listed in the treaty; and*

1 (2) *the Secretary of the Interior may modify any*
2 *regulations implementing the Migratory Bird Treaty*
3 *Act (16 U.S.C. 703 et seq.), as appropriate, consistent*
4 *with the treaty described in section 2, in consultation*
5 *with the foreign country that is party to the treaty,*
6 *the Alaska Migratory Bird Co-Management Council,*
7 *and the Pacific Flyway Council, and in coordination*
8 *with the Law Enforcement Office of the United States*
9 *Fish and Wildlife Service, to implement any nec-*
10 *essary clarifications resulting from the procedures de-*
11 *scribed in paragraph (1), including conditions for*
12 *consignment and re-sale, certification of authenticity,*
13 *and provisions pertaining to species of conservation*
14 *concern.*

15 (b) *MODIFICATION OF REGULATIONS.—If the Sec-*
16 *retary of the Interior determines that any of the species used*
17 *under this section show significant population declines or*
18 *is determined to be a Bird of Conservation Concern pursu-*
19 *ant to section 13 of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act*
20 *of 1980 (16 U.S.C. 2912), the Secretary may modify regula-*
21 *tions to remove the species from application under this sec-*
22 *tion.*

23 (c) *OUTREACH.—The Secretary of the Interior shall*
24 *work in collaboration with the Alaska Migratory Bird Co-*
25 *Management Council and other appropriate stakeholders to*

1 *develop outreach and communication resources and means*
2 *to communicate rules pertaining to the sale of authentic*
3 *Alaska Native articles of handicraft including parts of mi-*
4 *gratory birds.*

5 (d) *TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.*—*Section 2(a) of the Mi-*
6 *gratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703) is amended by*
7 *inserting a comma after “March 4, 1972”.*

8 (e) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this Act:*

9 (1) *ALASKA NATIVE.*—*The term “Alaska Native”*
10 *means a member of any Indian Tribe that is based*
11 *in the State of Alaska, as verified through issuance*
12 *of—*

13 (A) *a Tribal enrollment card;*

14 (B) *a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood*
15 *(commonly known as a “CDIB”) by the Bureau*
16 *of Indian Affairs; or*

17 (C) *a permit under the Silver Hand pro-*
18 *gram of the Alaska State Council on the Arts.*

19 (2) *AUTHENTIC ALASKA NATIVE ARTICLE OF*
20 *HANDICRAFT.*—*The term “authentic Alaska Native*
21 *article of handicraft”—*

22 (A) *means any item that is—*

23 (i) *composed, wholly or in a signifi-*
24 *cant respect, of natural materials that were*
25 *found, foraged, or gifted; and*

1 (ii) *produced, decorated, or fashioned*
2 *in significant part—*

3 (I) *by an Alaska Native;*

4 (II) *in the exercise of traditional*
5 *Alaska Native handicrafts; and*

6 (III) *without the use of any mass*
7 *copying device;*

8 (B) *includes—*

9 (i) *any weaving, carving, stitching,*
10 *sewing, lacing, beading, drawing, or paint-*
11 *ing that meets the criteria described in*
12 *clause (i); and*

13 (ii) *any item, including clothing, de-*
14 *scribed in subclause (I) that combines the*
15 *techniques described in that subclause; and*

16 (C) *does not include any item that contains*
17 *a part of a migratory bird that was taken in a*
18 *wasteful or illegal manner.*

19 (3) *INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian Tribe”*
20 *has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the In-*
21 *dian Self-Determination and Education Assistance*
22 *Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).*

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to clarify the treatment of authentic Alaska Native articles of handicraft containing nonedible migratory bird parts under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, and for other purposes.”.