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# S. 825

To provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium located in Sitka, Alaska, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 4, 2017

Ms. MURKOWSKI introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Southeast Alaska Re-  
5 gional Health Consortium Land Transfer Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable, but not  
8 later than 180 days, after the date of enactment of this  
9 Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services (re-  
10 ferred to in this Act as the “Secretary”) shall convey to

1 the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium located  
 2 in Sitka, Alaska (referred to in this Act as the “Consortium”), all right, title, and interest of the United States  
 3 in and to the property described in section 3 for use in  
 4 connection with health and social services programs.

6 (b) EFFECT ON ANY QUITCLAIM DEED.—The conveyance by the Secretary of title by warranty deed under  
 7 this section shall, on the effective date of the conveyance,  
 8 supersede and render of no future effect any quitclaim  
 9 deed to the property described in section 3 executed by  
 10 the Secretary and the Consortium.

12 (c) CONDITIONS.—The conveyance of the property  
 13 under this Act—

14 (1) shall be made by warranty deed; and

15 (2) shall not—

16 (A) require any consideration from the  
 17 Consortium for the property;

18 (B) impose any obligation, term, or condition on the Consortium; or

20 (C) allow for any reversionary interest of  
 21 the United States in the property.

## 22 **SEC. 3. PROPERTY DESCRIBED.**

23 The property, including all land and appurtenances,  
 24 described in this section is the property included in U.S.  
 25 Survey 1496, Lots 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11A, 11A Parcel A, and

1 11B, partially surveyed Township 55 South, Range 63  
2 East of the Copper River Meridian, containing 19.07  
3 acres, in Sitka, Alaska.

4 **SEC. 4. ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITY.**

5 (a) LIABILITY.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other  
7 provision of law, the Consortium shall not be liable  
8 for any soil, surface water, groundwater, or other  
9 contamination resulting from the disposal, release,  
10 or presence of any environmental contamination on  
11 any portion of the property described in section 3 on  
12 or before the date on which the property is conveyed  
13 to the Consortium.

14 (2) ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION.—An en-  
15 vironmental contamination described in paragraph  
16 (1) includes any oil or petroleum products, haz-  
17 ardous substances, hazardous materials, hazardous  
18 waste, pollutants, toxic substances, solid waste, or  
19 any other environmental contamination or hazard as  
20 defined in any Federal or State of Alaska law.

21 (b) EASEMENT.—The Secretary shall be accorded  
22 any easement or access to the property conveyed under  
23 this Act as may be reasonably necessary to satisfy any  
24 retained obligation or liability of the Secretary.

1       (c) NOTICE OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE ACTIVITY  
2 AND WARRANTY.—In carrying out this Act, the Secretary  
3 shall comply with subparagraphs (A) and (B) of section  
4 120(h)(3) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response,  
5 Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C.  
6 9620(h)(3)).

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