

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 312

To reaffirm the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe reservation, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 8, 2019

Mr. KEATING (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. GALLEG0, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, and Mr. COLE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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 “Mashpee Wampanoag
5 Tribe Reservation Reaffirmation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REAFFIRMATION OF INDIAN TRUST LAND.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The taking of land into trust by
8 the United States for the benefit of the Mashpee
9 Wampanoag Tribe of Massachusetts as described in the

1 final Notice of Reservation Proclamation (81 Fed. Reg.
2 948; January 8, 2016) is reaffirmed as trust land and the
3 actions of the Secretary of the Interior in taking that land
4 into trust are ratified and confirmed.

5 (b) APPLICATION.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
6 sion of law, an action (including an action pending in a
7 Federal court as of the date of enactment of this Act) re-
8 lating to the land described in subsection (a) shall not be
9 filed or maintained in a Federal court and shall be
10 promptly dismissed.

11 (c) APPLICABILITY OF LAWS.—All laws (including
12 regulations) of the United States of general applicability
13 to Indians or nations, Indian Tribes, or bands of Indians
14 (including the Act of June 18, 1934 (25 U.S.C. 5101 et
15 seq.)), shall be applicable to the Tribe and Tribal mem-
16 bers, except that to the extent such laws and regulations
17 are inconsistent with the terms of the Intergovernmental
18 Agreement, dated April 22, 2008, by and between the
19 Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and the Town of Mashpee,
20 Massachusetts, the terms of that Intergovernmental
21 Agreement shall control.

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