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Reported by Ms. MURKOWSKI, with amendments and an amendment to the
title

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AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary
of the Interior to modernize terms in certain regulations.

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 “21st Century Respect
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS REQUIRED.**

2 (a) SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.—The Secretary
3 of Agriculture shall amend section 1901.202 of title 7,
4 Code of Federal Regulations, for purposes of—

5 (1) replacing the reference to the term “Negro
6 or Black” with “Black or African American”;

7 (2) replacing the reference to the term “Span-
8 ish Surname” with “Hispanic”; and

9 (3) replacing the reference to the term “Ori-
10 ental” with “Asian American or Pacific Islander”.

11 ~~(b) SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.—The Secretary~~
12 ~~of the Interior shall amend section 906.2 of title 36, Code~~
13 ~~of Federal Regulations, for purposes of—~~

14 *(b) ADMINISTRATOR OF GENERAL SERVICES.—The*
15 *Administrator of General Services shall amend section*
16 *906.2 of title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, for purposes*
17 *of—*

18 (1) replacing the references to the term
19 “Negro” with “Black or African American”;

20 (2) replacing the definition of “Negro” with the
21 definition of “Black or African American” as “~~a per-~~
22 ~~son~~ *an individual* having origins in any of the Black
23 racial groups of Africa”;

24 (3) replacing the references to the term “Ori-
25 ental” with “Asian American or Pacific Islander”;
26 and

1 (4) replacing the references to the terms “Es-
2 kimo” and “Aleut” with “Alaska Native”.

3 **SEC. 3. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

4 Nothing in this Act, or the amendments required by
5 this Act, shall be construed to affect Federal law, except
6 with respect to the use of terms by the Secretary of Agri-
7 culture and the ~~Secretary of the Interior~~ *Administrator*
8 *of General Services*, respectively, to the regulations af-
9 fected by this Act.

 Amend the title so as to read: “An Act to direct the
Secretary of Agriculture and the Administrator of Gen-
eral Services to modernize terms in certain regulations.”.

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