

## 115TH CONGRESS H.R. 5244

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 9, 2018

Mr. Keating (for himself, Mr. Lamalfa, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Clark of Massachusetts, Mr. Capuano, Mr. Lynch, and Mr. Meeks) 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
- 10 final Notice of Reservation Proclamation published at 81

- 1 Federal Register 948 (January 8, 2016) is reaffirmed as
- 2 trust land, and the actions of the Secretary of the Interior
- 3 in taking that land into trust are ratified and confirmed.
- 4 (b) APPLICATION.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
- 5 sion of law, an action (including an action pending in a
- 6 Federal court as of the date of enactment of this Act) re-
- 7 lating to the land described in subsection (a) shall not be
- 8 filed or maintained in a Federal court and shall be
- 9 promptly dismissed.
- 10 (c) Applicability of Laws.—All laws (including
- 11 regulations) of the United States of general applicability
- 12 to Indians or nations, Indian Tribes, or bands of Indians
- 13 (including the Act of June 18, 1934 (25 U.S.C. 5101 et
- 14 seq.)) shall be applicable to the Tribe and Tribal members.

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