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## AN ACT

To amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide that Village Corporations shall not be required to convey land in trust to the State of Alaska for the establishment of Municipal Corporations, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Alaska Native Village  
3 Municipal Lands Restoration Act of 2025”.

4 **SEC. 2. REVERSION OF CERTAIN LAND CONVEYED IN**  
5 **TRUST TO THE STATE OF ALASKA.**

6 Section 14(c) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement  
7 Act (43 U.S.C. 1613(c)) is amended—

8 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through  
9 (5) as subparagraphs (A) through (E), respectively,  
10 and indenting appropriately;

11 (2) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A)  
12 (as so redesignated), by striking “(c) Each patent”  
13 and inserting the following:

14 “(c) CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN LAND BY VILLAGE  
15 CORPORATION.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each patent”;

17 (3) in paragraph (1) (as so designated), in the  
18 undesignated matter following subparagraph (E) (as  
19 so redesignated), in the first sentence—

20 (A) by striking “section 14(c) of this Act”  
21 and inserting “this subsection”; and

22 (B) by striking “There is authorized” and  
23 inserting the following:

24 “(2) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—

25 “(A) IN GENERAL.—There are author-  
26 ized”;

1 (4) in paragraph (2)(A) (as so redesignated), in  
2 the second sentence, by striking “The Secretary”  
3 and inserting the following:

4 “(B) FORM OF FUNDING.—The Sec-  
5 retary”; and

6 (5) in paragraph (1) (as so designated)—

7 (A) in each of subparagraphs (A) and (B)  
8 (as so redesignated)—

9 (i) by striking “the” the first place it  
10 appears and inserting “The”; and

11 (ii) by striking the semicolon at the  
12 end and inserting a period;

13 (B) in subparagraph (D) (as so redesign-  
14 ated), by striking “the” the first place it ap-  
15 pears and inserting “The”;

16 (C) by striking “existed as of” in subpara-  
17 graph (D) (as so redesignated) and all that fol-  
18 lows through “for” in subparagraph (E) (as so  
19 redesignated) and inserting the following: “ex-  
20 isted as of December 18, 1971.

21 “(E) For”; and

22 (D) in subparagraph (C) (as so redesign-  
23 ated)—

24 (i) by striking the semicolon at the  
25 end and inserting a period;

1 (ii) by striking “in trust: *Provided,*  
 2 *however,* That the word” and all that fol-  
 3 lows through “sentence,” and inserting the  
 4 following: “in trust.

5 “(II) DEFINITION OF SALE.—

6 For purposes of subclause (I), the  
 7 term ‘sale’”;

8 (iii) by striking “one thousand two  
 9 hundred and eighty acres: *Provided further,*  
 10 That any net” and inserting the following:  
 11 “1,280 acres.

12 “(iii) NET REVENUES.—

13 “(I) IN GENERAL.—Any net”;

14 (iv) by striking “community needs:  
 15 *Provided,* That the” and inserting the fol-  
 16 lowing: “community needs.

17 “(ii) MINIMUM ACREAGE.—The”;

18 (v) by striking “(C) the Village Cor-  
 19 poration” and inserting the following:

20 “(C) CONVEYANCE TO MUNICIPAL COR-  
 21 PORATION OR THE STATE IN TRUST.—

22 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Village Cor-  
 23 poration”; and

24 (vi) by adding at the end the fol-  
 25 lowing:

1                   “(iv) CASES IN WHICH CONVEYANCE  
2 SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED.—

3                   “(I) IN GENERAL.—Notwith-  
4 standing any other provision of this  
5 subparagraph, if a Village Corpora-  
6 tion, prior to the date of enactment of  
7 the Alaska Native Village Municipal  
8 Lands Restoration Act of 2025, con-  
9 veyed to the State in trust all or a  
10 portion of the acreage of land re-  
11 quired to be conveyed under this sub-  
12 paragraph for the establishment of a  
13 Municipal Corporation in the future,  
14 and a Municipal Corporation has not  
15 been established as of that date of en-  
16 actment, on formal resolution by the  
17 Village Corporation and the residents  
18 of the Native village requesting dis-  
19 solution of the trust, the trust shall be  
20 dissolved and title to the land shall re-  
21 vert to the Village Corporation, sub-  
22 ject to subclause (III).

23                   “(II) ADDITIONAL LAND.—Not-  
24 withstanding any other provision of  
25 this subparagraph, as of the date of

1 enactment of the Alaska Native Vil-  
2 lage Municipal Lands Restoration Act  
3 of 2025, a Village Corporation shall  
4 not be required to convey any addi-  
5 tional land in trust under this sub-  
6 paragraph for the establishment of a  
7 Municipal Corporation in the future.

8 “(III) REQUIREMENTS.—In ac-  
9 cordance with subsection (g)—

10 “(aa) the reversion of land  
11 to a Village Corporation pursuant  
12 to subelause (I) shall be subject  
13 to—

14 “(AA) valid existing  
15 rights created by the appli-  
16 cable trust; and

17 “(BB) any existing  
18 easements, rights-of-way  
19 necessary for public roadway  
20 access, or rights-of-way for  
21 access of holders of valid ex-  
22 isting rights; and

23 “(bb) the Village Corpora-  
24 tion shall assume the obligations  
25 of the applicable trust with re-

1                   spect to any lease or other use  
2                   agreement applicable to the land  
3                   on reversion of the land to the  
4                   Village Corporation pursuant to  
5                   subclause (I).”.

Passed the House of Representatives February 4,  
2025.

Attest:                   KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,  
*Clerk.*