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To ensure all federally recognized Tribes that are eligible for gaming in the United States are regulated under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 31, 2025

Mr. HEINRICH (for himself, Ms. SMITH, and Mr. LUJÁN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

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 “Tribal Gaming Regu-
5 latory Compliance Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) In 1987, the Supreme Court ruled in Cali-
2 fornia v. Cabazon Band of Mission Indians that if
3 California regulated, rather than prohibited, gaming
4 in the State, then an Indian Tribe could offer simi-
5 lar forms of gaming on its land.

6 (2) In response to the Cabazon decision, the In-
7 dian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701 et
8 seq.) was enacted, which has since supported and
9 promoted Tribal economic development and self-suf-
10 ficiency and continues to provide a regulatory struc-
11 ture for gaming on Tribal lands.

12 (3) Over 200 Indian Tribes in 28 States are
13 currently regulated under the Indian Gaming Regu-
14 latory Act.

15 (4) On June 15, 2022, the Supreme Court
16 ruled that the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama
17 and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration
18 Act (Public Law 100–89; 101 Stat. 666) allows the
19 Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and the Alabama-Coushatta
20 Tribe to offer, on Tribal lands, gaming activities
21 that are not fully prohibited by Texas law and with-
22 out regard to any Texas regulations over such gam-
23 ing activities.

24 (5) As a result of the Supreme Court decision,
25 the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and the Alabama-

1 Coushatta Tribe are the only two Indian Tribes in
 2 the United States that have overlapping regulatory
 3 language governing their gaming activities (the In-
 4 dian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701 et
 5 seq.) and the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama
 6 and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration
 7 Act (Public Law 100–89; 101 Stat. 666)).

8 (6) This Act will eliminate any redundant regu-
 9 latory language and ensure the Ysleta del Sur Pueb-
 10 lo and the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe are regulated
 11 in the same form and manner as all other gaming
 12 by Indian Tribes in the United States.

13 **SEC. 3. AMENDMENT.**

14 The Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and
 15 Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act (Public
 16 Law 100–89; 101 Stat. 666) is amended—

17 (1) by inserting after section 2 the following:

18 **“SEC. 3. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

19 “‘This Act shall be construed to ensure the full appli-
 20 cability of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C.
 21 2701 et seq.) to gaming activities on Indian lands of the
 22 Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Indian lands of the Alabama-
 23 Coushatta Tribe.’”;

24 (2) by striking section 107; and

1 (3) by striking section 207.

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