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S. 1780

To amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to allow the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into self-determination contracts with Tribal organizations to carry out the authority of the Food Safety and Inspection Service, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 31 (legislative day, MAY 30), 2023

Mr. MULLIN (for himself and Ms. SMITH) 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 “Promoting Regulatory
5 Independence, Mastery, and Expansion for Meat Proc-
6 essing in Indian Country Act” or the “PRIME Meat Proc-
7 essing in Indian Country Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SELF-DETERMINATION FOR FOOD SAFETY AND IN-**
 2 **SPECTION SERVICE AUTHORITY.**

3 Title I of the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-
 4 cation Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5321 et seq.) is amended
 5 by adding at the end the following:

6 **“SEC. 112. SELF-DETERMINATION FOR FOOD SAFETY AND**
 7 **INSPECTION SERVICE AUTHORITY.**

8 “(a) FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE SELF-
 9 DETERMINATION AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of Agri-
 10 culture shall enter into self-determination contracts, in ac-
 11 cordance with subsection (c), with Tribal organizations, on
 12 the request of any Indian Tribe, by Tribal resolution, sub-
 13 ject to subsection (b), to carry out the authority of the
 14 Food Safety and Inspection Service under the Federal
 15 Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) and the Agri-
 16 cultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621 et seq.).

17 “(b) FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE CON-
 18 TRACTS.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A Tribal organization seek-
 20 ing to enter into a self-determination contract de-
 21 scribed in subsection (a) shall, before requesting to
 22 enter into that contract, adopt, by Tribal resolution,
 23 a food and agriculture code approved by the Sec-
 24 retary of Agriculture, after which the Secretary of
 25 Agriculture shall exercise the authority of the Sec-
 26 retary of Agriculture under Public Law 87–718 (7

1 U.S.C. 1633) with respect to the Indian Tribe gov-
2 erned by that Tribal organization.

3 “(2) RURAL WATER, WASTE DISPOSAL, AND
4 COMMUNITY FACILITIES LOANS AND GRANTS.—An
5 Indian Tribe operating under a contract described in
6 subsection (a) shall be eligible for grant and loan
7 programs under section 306(a) of the Consolidated
8 Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C.
9 1926(a)).

10 “(c) SELF-DETERMINATION CONTRACT.—A self-de-
11 termination contract entered into under subsection (a)
12 shall have the same terms and conditions, and be subject
13 to the same procedures, regulations, and requirements, as
14 a self-determination contract entered into under section
15 102, except that the Secretary of Agriculture and the De-
16 partment of Agriculture shall be the appropriate Secretary
17 and agency for purposes of a self-determination contract
18 entered into under subsection (a).

19 “(d) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Office of Self-
20 Governance of the Bureau of Indian Affairs shall provide
21 technical assistance with respect to a self-determination
22 contract authorized under subsection (a)—

23 “(1) to the Secretary of Agriculture; and

1 “(2) to Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations
2 that request that assistance.”.

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