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# H. R. 452

To amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to provide adequate and certain remedies for sovereign tribal governments, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TORRES (for himself and Mr. PASTOR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to provide adequate and certain remedies for sovereign tribal governments, 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,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; REFERENCE.**

4       (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the  
5       “Indian Gaming Regulatory Act Amendments of 1997”.

6       (b) **REFERENCE.**—Unless otherwise stated, whenever  
7       in this Act a section or other provision is amended or re-  
8       pealed, such amendment or repeal shall be considered to

1 be made to that section or other provision of the Indian  
2 Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.).

3 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

4 Section 2 of the Act (25 U.S.C. 2701) is amended—

5 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph  
6 (4);

7 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-  
8 graph (5) and inserting in lieu thereof a semicolon;  
9 and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(6) tribal systems for the regulation of gaming  
12 activities should be structured to maintain and pre-  
13 serve the integrity and fairness of tribal gaming op-  
14 erations;

15 “(7) the operation of gaming activities on In-  
16 dian lands has had a significant impact on com-  
17 merce with foreign nations, among the several  
18 States, and with Indian tribes; and

19 “(8) the United States Constitution vests the  
20 Congress with the powers to regulate commerce with  
21 foreign nations, and among the several States, and  
22 with Indian tribes, and this Act is enacted in the ex-  
23 ercise of those powers, and shall extend to and en-  
24 compass all federally recognized Indian tribes.”.

1 **SEC. 3. DECLARATION OF POLICY.**

2 Section 3 of the Act (25 U.S.C. 2702) is amended—

3 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph  
4 (2);

5 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-  
6 graph (3) and inserting in lieu thereof “; and”; and

7 (3) by adding at the end the following new  
8 paragraph:

9 “(4) to ensure the right of Indian tribes to con-  
10 duct gaming activities on Indian lands in a manner  
11 consistent with the decision of the Supreme Court in  
12 California et al. v. Cabazon Band of Mission Indians  
13 et al. (480 U.S.C. 202, 107 S.Ct. 1083 (1987)), in-  
14 volving the Cabazon and Morango Bands of Mission  
15 Indians.”.

16 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

17 (a) CLASS I GAMING.—Section 4(6) of the Act (25  
18 U.S.C. 2703(6)) is amended by inserting “played” after  
19 “social games”.

20 (b) CLASS II GAMING.—(1) Section 4(7)(A) of the  
21 Act (25 U.S.C. 2703(7)(A)) is amended—

22 (A) in clause (i), by amending the matter fol-  
23 lowing subclause (III) to read as follows:

24 “including pull tabs, lotto, punch boards, tip jars,  
25 instant, and games similar to bingo (whether or not  
26 electronic, computer, or other technologic aids are

1 used in connection therewith so long as the fun-  
2 damental characteristics of the game remain the  
3 same), and”; and

4 (B) by amending clause (ii) to read as follows:

5 “(ii) card games where the gaming oper-  
6 ation does not have a stake in the outcome of  
7 the game, and for the purposes of this clause,  
8 a stake in the outcome of the game shall not in-  
9 clude (I) receiving a fixed percentage of the wa-  
10 gers made; (II) receiving a fixed fee per game  
11 played; or (III) a rental fee for the player to  
12 participate in the game.”.

13 (2) Section 4(7)(C) of the Act (25 U.S.C.  
14 2703(7)(C)) is amended by striking “as determined by the  
15 Chairman”.

16 (3)(A) Section 4(7) of the Act (25 U.S.C. 2703(7))  
17 is amended by striking subparagraphs (D), (E), and (F).

18 (B) Public Law 101–301 (25 U.S.C. 2703 note) is  
19 amended by striking section 6.

20 (c) COMPACT AND MANAGEMENT CONTRACT.—Sec-  
21 tion 4(7) of the Act (25 U.S.C. 2703) is amended—

22 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (9) and (10)  
23 as paragraphs (11) and (12), respectively; and

24 (2) by inserting after paragraph (8) the follow-  
25 ing new paragraphs:

1           “(9) The term ‘compact’ means an agreement  
2 relating to the operation of class III games on In-  
3 dian lands entered into by an Indian tribe and a  
4 State, which is approved by the Secretary, or the  
5 procedures in lieu of such an agreement, published  
6 by the Secretary.

7           “(10) The term ‘management contract’ means  
8 any contract, other than employment contract, that  
9 empowers any entity, which is not totally owned and  
10 controlled by the tribe, with decision-making author-  
11 ity over any gaming-related aspect of the gaming op-  
12 eration. Decision-making authority means the exer-  
13 cise of authority or supervision or the power to make  
14 or cause to be made any discretionary decision with  
15 regard to matters which have a substantial effect on  
16 the management aspects of a gaming operation.”.

17 **SEC. 5. NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING COMMISSION.**

18           (a) MEMBERS.—Paragraph (5) of section 5(b) (25  
19 U.S.C. 2704(b)) is amended—

20           (1) in subparagraph (B)—

21           (A) by inserting “(other than any interest  
22 that is derived from the individual’s status as  
23 an enrolled member of an Indian tribe)” after  
24 “financial interest”; and

25           (B) by striking “or” at the end thereof;

1           (2) by striking the period at the end of sub-  
2 paragraph (C) and inserting in lieu thereof “; or”;  
3 and

4           (3) by adding at the end thereof the following  
5 new subparagraph:

6           “(D) is unable to devote his entire time and at-  
7 tention to the business of the Commission.”.

8           (b) COMPENSATION.—Subsection (g) of section 5 (25  
9 U.S.C. 2704) is amended—

10           (1) by striking paragraph (1) and redesignating  
11 paragraphs (2) and (3) as paragraphs (1) and (2),  
12 respectively; and

13           (2) in paragraph (1), as redesignated by para-  
14 graph (1) of this subsection—

15           (A) by striking “The associate members”  
16 and inserting in lieu thereof “Members”; and

17           (B) by striking “level V of the Executive  
18 Schedule under section 5316” and inserting in  
19 lieu thereof “level IV of the Executive Schedule  
20 under section 5315”.

21           (c) SUPPORT SERVICES.—Section 5 of the Act (25  
22 U.S.C. 2704) is amended by adding at the end thereof  
23 the following new subsection:

24           “(h) The Administrator of General Services shall pro-  
25 vide to the Commission on a reimbursable basis such ad-

1 ministrative support services as the Commission may re-  
2 quest.”.

3 **SEC. 6. POWERS OF THE CHAIRMAN.**

4 Section 6 of the Act (25 U.S.C. 2705) is amended  
5 to read as follows:

6 **“SEC. 6. POWERS OF THE CHAIRMAN.**

7 “(a) The Chairman shall serve as the chief executive  
8 officer of the Commission.

9 “(b) Subject to the provisions of subsection (c), the  
10 Chairman:

11 “(1) Shall, employ, appoint, and supervise,  
12 without regard to the provisions of title 5, United  
13 States Code, governing appointments in the competi-  
14 tive service, such personnel as are deemed necessary  
15 to carry out the functions of the Commission and as-  
16 sign work among such personnel. Such staff shall be  
17 paid without regard to the provisions of chapter 51  
18 and subchapters III and VIII of chapter 53 of such  
19 title relating to classification and General and Senior  
20 Executive Service Schedule pay rates, except that no  
21 individual so appointed may receive pay in excess of  
22 the annual rate of basic pay payable for ES-5 of the  
23 Senior Executive Service Schedule under section  
24 5382 of such title.

1           “(2) May procure temporary and intermittent  
2 services under section 3109(b) of title 5, United  
3 States Code, but at rates for individuals not to ex-  
4 ceed the daily equivalent of the maximum annual  
5 rate of basic pay payable for ES–6 of the Senior Ex-  
6 ecutive Service Schedule (established under section  
7 5382 of such title).

8           “(3) May request the head of any Federal agen-  
9 cy to detail any of the personnel of such agency to  
10 the Commission to assist the Commission in carry-  
11 ing out its duties under this Act, unless otherwise  
12 prohibited by law.

13           “(4) May use and expend Federal funds and  
14 funds collected pursuant to section 17 of this Act.

15           “(5) May contract for the services of other pro-  
16 fessional, technical, and operational personnel and  
17 consultants as may be necessary to the performance  
18 of the Commission’s responsibilities under this Act.

19           “(c) In carrying out any of the functions pursuant  
20 to this section, the Chairman shall be governed by the gen-  
21 eral policies of the Commission and by such regulatory de-  
22 cisions, findings, and determinations as the Commission  
23 may by law be authorized to make.”.

1 **SEC. 7. POWERS OF THE COMMISSION.**

2 (a) BUDGET.—Paragraph (1) of section 7(a) (25  
3 U.S.C. 2706(a)) is amended by striking “upon the rec-  
4 ommendation of the chairman,”.

5 (b) FORMER POWERS OF CHAIRMAN.—Subsection  
6 (a) of section 7 (25 U.S.C. 2706) is amended—

7 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph  
8 (3);

9 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-  
10 graph (4) and inserting in lieu thereof a semicolon;  
11 and

12 (3) by adding at the end thereof the following  
13 new paragraphs:

14 “(5) by a unanimous vote of not less than 3  
15 members, after a mandatory effort to mediate any  
16 controversy, issue orders of temporary closure as  
17 provided in section 14(b);

18 “(6) by an affirmative vote of not less than 2  
19 members, and after a full hearing, levy and collect  
20 civil fines as provided in section 14(a), which fines  
21 shall only run from date of notice of violation or  
22 later;

23 “(7) by an affirmative vote of not less than 2  
24 members, approve tribal ordinances or resolutions  
25 regulating class II gaming and class III gaming as  
26 provided in section 11; and

1           “(8) by an affirmative vote of not less than 2  
2 members, approve management contracts for class II  
3 gaming and class III gaming as provided in sections  
4 11(d)(9) and 12.”.

5           (c) POWERS.—Subsection (b) of section 7 (25 U.S.C.  
6 2706) is amended—

7           (1) in paragraphs (1) and (2), by inserting  
8 “and class III gaming, where a compact so pro-  
9 vides,” after “class II gaming” both places it ap-  
10 pears;

11           (2) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph  
12 (9);

13           (3) by redesignating paragraph (10) as para-  
14 graph (13); and

15           (4) by inserting after paragraph (9) the follow-  
16 ing new paragraphs:

17           “(10) may invoke, in the case of contumacy by  
18 or refusal to obey any subpoena issued to any per-  
19 son, the jurisdiction of any court of the United  
20 States within the jurisdiction of which an investiga-  
21 tion or proceeding is carried on, or where such per-  
22 son resides or carries on business, in requiring the  
23 attendance and testimony of witnesses and the pro-  
24 duction of books, papers, correspondence, memo-  
25 randa, and other records;

1           “(11) may in its discretion, whenever it shall  
2           appear to the Commission that any person is en-  
3           gaged or about to engage in acts or practices con-  
4           stituting a violation of any provision of this Act or  
5           rules or regulations thereunder, bring an action in  
6           the proper district court of the United States to en-  
7           join such acts or practices, or transmit such evidence  
8           as may be available concerning such acts or prac-  
9           tices as may constitute a violation of any criminal  
10          law of the United States to the Attorney General,  
11          who may institute the necessary criminal proceed-  
12          ings;

13           “(12) may provide training and technical assist-  
14          ance to Indian tribal governments in all aspects of  
15          the conduct and regulation of gaming activities;  
16          and”.

17          (d) REPORT.—Section 7 of the Act (25 U.S.C. 2406)  
18          is amended by striking subsection (c).

19          **SEC. 8. INTERIM AUTHORITY TO REGULATE GAMING.**

20          Section 10 of the Act (35 U.S.C. 2709) is repealed.

21          **SEC. 9. TRIBAL GAMING ORDINANCES.**

22          (a) CLASS II GAMING.—(1) Subsection (b) of section  
23          11 (25 U.S.C. 2710) is amended—

24                  (A) by striking “Chairman” each place it ap-  
25                  pears and inserting in lieu thereof “Commission”;

1 (B) in paragraph (2)(F)—

2 (i) by striking “and” at the end of clause

3 (i);

4 (ii) by redesignating clause (ii) as clause

5 (iii); and

6 (iii) by inserting after clause (i) the follow-

7 ing new clause:

8 “(ii) ensures the integrity and fairness of the  
9 games and which is appropriate for the size and  
10 complexity of the gaming operations authorized by  
11 the ordinance.”;

12 (C) in paragraph (3)(D), by inserting “shall  
13 make appropriate withholdings and” after “tribes”;

14 (D) in paragraph (4)(A), by striking “No per-  
15 son or entity” and all that follows through “State.”;

16 (E) in paragraph 4(B)—

17 (i) in clause (ii), by striking “entity” and

18 all that follows through “Act” and inserting in

19 lieu thereof “entity; except, however, the exemp-

20 tion shall transfer to those heirs of the individ-

21 ual licensee who are otherwise enrolled as mem-

22 bers of the tribe which granted such license”;

23 and

24 (ii) by striking clause (iii); and

1       (2) Subsection (c) of section 11 (25 U.S.C. 2710) is  
2 amended by striking paragraphs (3), (4), (5), and (6).

3       (b) CLASS III GAMING.—(1) Subsection (d) of section  
4 11 (25 U.S.C. 2710) is amended by striking “Chairman”  
5 each place it appears and inserting in lieu thereof “Com-  
6 mission”.

7       (2) Subparagraphs (B) and (C) of paragraph (1) are  
8 amended to read as follows:

9               “(B) located in a State where the requirements  
10 of clauses (i) through (iii) of paragraph (3)(C) are  
11 satisfied and the gaming activity is eligible for inclu-  
12 sion in a compact, and

13               “(C) conducted in conformance with a compact  
14 that is in effect.”.

15       (3) Subparagraph (C) of section 11(d)(2) (25 U.S.C.  
16 22710(d)(2)) is amended by striking “Tribal-State com-  
17 pact entered into under paragraph (3) by the Indian tribe”  
18 and inserting in lieu thereof “compact”.

19       (4) Clause (iii) of section 11(d)(2)(D) (25 U.S.C.  
20 (d)(2)(D)) is amended by striking “Tribal-State compact  
21 entered into under paragraph (3)” and inserting in lieu  
22 thereof “compact”.

23       (5) Paragraph (3) of section 11(d) (25 U.S.C.  
24 2710(d)) is amended—

1 (A) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as sub-  
2 paragraph (H) and in that subparagraph—

3 (i) by striking “Tribal-State compact” and  
4 inserting in lieu thereof “compact entered  
5 into”;

6 (ii) in clause (i)—

7 (I) by striking “the application of”  
8 and inserting in lieu thereof “the adoption  
9 of”; and

10 (II) by inserting “, with tribal con-  
11 sent, of” after “tribe or”;

12 (iii) by striking clauses (ii) and (iv) and re-  
13 designating clauses (iii) through (vii) as clauses  
14 (ii) through (v), respectively;

15 (iv) in clause (ii) (as redesignated by  
16 clause (iii) of this subparagraph), by inserting  
17 “or Secretary” after “State”; and

18 (v) in clause (v) (as redesignated by clause  
19 (iii) of this subparagraph), by striking “di-  
20 rectly” and inserting in lieu thereof “reason-  
21 ably”; and

22 (B) by striking subparagraphs (A) and (B) and  
23 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

24 “(A)(i) Any Indian tribe having jurisdiction over the  
25 lands upon which a class III gaming activity is to be con-

1 ducted may request the State in which such lands are lo-  
2 cated to enter into negotiations for the purpose of entering  
3 into a compact governing the conduct of class III gaming  
4 activities;

5       “(ii) Such request shall be in writing and shall specify  
6 the gaming activity or activities the Indian tribe proposes  
7 for inclusion in the compact and within 30 days after such  
8 request, the State shall respond to the Indian tribe.

9       “(iii) Compact negotiations shall commence within 60  
10 days after the submission of a request under clause (i),  
11 and shall be completed within 120 days of the initiation  
12 of such compact negotiations, unless the State and the In-  
13 dian tribe agree to a different period of time for the com-  
14 pletion of such compact negotiations.

15       “(iv) Should the State or the Indian tribe find that  
16 they are unable to complete compact negotiations because  
17 they cannot reach agreement on the terms of a compact  
18 or should a State fail to respond to the tribe’s written re-  
19 quest for a compact or should a State fail to participate  
20 in timely negotiations as specified by this Act, the State  
21 or the Indian tribe may notify the Secretary.

22       “(B) The Secretary, in consultation with the Indian  
23 tribes and, if possible, the States, shall develop a panel  
24 of independent mediators, which shall be periodically up-  
25 dated.

1       “(C) If after the 120 days authorized for the comple-  
2 tion of compact negotiations, the State and the Indian  
3 tribe have not agreed to recommend a compact to the Sec-  
4 retary, the State and the Indian tribe shall enter into me-  
5 diation, pursuant to the following procedures:

6           “(i) The Secretary shall provide the State and  
7 Indian tribe with a list of names of three mediators  
8 randomly selected from the panel of independent me-  
9 diators. The State and the Indian tribe each may re-  
10 move a different mediator from the list of three me-  
11 diators, and if both the State and Tribe remove the  
12 same mediator, the Secretary shall choose from the  
13 remaining mediators to conduct the mediation.

14           “(ii) The mediator shall attempt to achieve a  
15 compact not later than 60 days after such mediator  
16 is selected, unless such time period is extended by  
17 mutual agreement of the State and the Indian tribe.

18           “(iii) If mediation fails, the State and Indian  
19 tribe may submit their last best offer to the medi-  
20 ator, who shall evaluate the offers under the terms  
21 of this Act and recommend a compact to the Sec-  
22 retary, except that by mutual agreement the parties  
23 may substitute either compulsory arbitration, or a  
24 decision by the Secretary instead of a mediator’s  
25 recommendation. If the State fails to submit a last

1 best offer, the mediator shall recommend the Indian  
2 tribe's last best offer to the Secretary.

3 “(iv) The recommended compact shall also in-  
4 clude such provisions which in the opinion of the me-  
5 diator or arbitrator best meet the objectives of this  
6 Act, provides for adequate standards to ensure the  
7 integrity and fairness of the games, and are consist-  
8 ent with any declaratory judgment issued pursuant  
9 to paragraph (7) of this subsection.

10 “(D) If the parties or the mediator or arbitrator pur-  
11 suant to this paragraph recommend a compact to the Sec-  
12 retary, the Secretary shall approve such compact and shall  
13 publish it in the Federal Register.

14 “(E) The compact also shall not be approved by the  
15 Secretary if it violates—

16 “(i) any provision of this Act or the regulations  
17 promulgated by the Commission;

18 “(ii) any other provision of Federal law that  
19 does not relate to jurisdiction over gaming on Indian  
20 reservations; or

21 “(iii) the trust obligations of the United States  
22 to Indians.

23 “(F) Except for an appeal under subchapter II of  
24 chapter 5 of title 5, United States Code, by an Indian tribe  
25 or a State associated with the publication of the compact,

1 the publication of a compact pursuant to paragraph  
2 (3)(D) which permits a form of class III gaming shall,  
3 for the purposes of this Act, be conclusive evidence that  
4 such class III gaming is an activity subject to negotiations  
5 under the laws of the State where the gaming is to be  
6 conducted, in any matter under consideration by the Com-  
7 mission or a Federal court.

8 “(G) Any compact negotiated under this subsection  
9 shall be effective upon its publication in the Federal Reg-  
10 ister by the Secretary or shall be effective after the pas-  
11 sage of 60 days from the date of the mediator’s rec-  
12 ommendations to the Secretary, or from the date that a  
13 compact agreed to by both tribe and State is submitted  
14 to the Secretary, unless the Secretary, within 60 days, re-  
15 jects the compact under subparagraph (E).”.

16 (6) Paragraph (5) of section 11(d) (25 U.S.C.  
17 2710(d)) is amended by striking “Tribal-State compact  
18 entered into by the Indian tribe under paragraph (3)” and  
19 inserting in lieu thereof “compact”.

20 (7) Paragraph (6) of section 11(d) (25 U.S.C.  
21 2710(d)) is amended to read as follows:

22 “(6)(A) Nothing in this subsection shall compel a  
23 State to assume any responsibility regarding tribal gaming  
24 activities. A State’s consent shall be required for any State  
25 responsibility for tribal gaming activities. If a State does

1 not consent to a responsibility set forth in a compact, such  
2 compact shall continue to be in effect, except the subject  
3 responsibilities shall be assumed by the Commission, or  
4 in the discretion of the Commission, may be delegated to  
5 a tribal regulatory body.

6 “(B) The provisions of section 5 of the Act of Janu-  
7 ary 2, 1951 (64 Stat. 1135; 15 U.S.C. 1175), shall not  
8 apply to any gaming on any Indian lands, and shall not  
9 apply to any commerce, intended for gaming on any In-  
10 dian lands.”.

11 (8) Paragraph (7) of section 11(d) (25 U.S.C.  
12 2710(d)) is amended—

13 (A) by amending clause (i) of subparagraph (A)  
14 to read as follows:

15 “(i) any cause of action for a declaratory judg-  
16 ment brought by an Indian tribe or State, which is  
17 authorized by this clause to file an action for a de-  
18 claratory judgment in district courts of the United  
19 States for the purposes of seeking a determination  
20 of what games are permitted to be played by any  
21 person or entity for any purposes in the State in  
22 which the proposed class III gaming activities are to  
23 be conducted on Indian lands,”;

24 (B) in clause (ii) of subparagraph (A)—

1 (i) by inserting “the United States,” before  
2 “a State”; and

3 (ii) by striking “Tribal-State compact en-  
4 tered into under paragraph (3)” and inserting  
5 in lieu thereof “compact”;

6 (C) by amending clause (iii) to read as follows:

7 “(iii) any cause of action initiated by the Sec-  
8 retary, a State or an Indian tribe to enforce provi-  
9 sions of a compact.”; and

10 (D) by amending subparagraph (B) to read as  
11 follows:

12 “(B) In any declaratory action brought under sub-  
13 paragraph (A)(i) the court shall declare that the gaming  
14 activity as a matter of Federal law shall be the subject  
15 of negotiation and included in a compact if it finds that—

16 “(i) the gaming activity is not prohibited as a  
17 matter of State criminal law; or

18 “(ii) even if the gaming activity is prohibited as  
19 a matter of State criminal law, the gaming activity  
20 meets one or more of the following criteria—

21 “(I) its principal characteristics are sub-  
22 stantially similar to principal characteristics of  
23 gaming activities that are not prohibited as a  
24 matter of State criminal law;

1           “(II) State law permits the gaming activity  
2           subject to regulation;

3           “(III) as a matter of State law any person,  
4           organization, or entity within the State may en-  
5           gage in the gaming activity for any purpose; or

6           “(IV) there is a pervasive pattern of non-  
7           enforcement of the gaming prohibition.

8           “(C) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to  
9           preclude or delay a tribe from seeking the mediation set  
10          forth in paragraph (3) of this subsection.”.

11          (9) Subsection (d) of section 11 (25 U.S.C. 2710)  
12          is amended by striking paragraph (8) and redesignating  
13          paragraph (9) as paragraph (8) and in that paragraph by  
14          striking “subsections (b), (c), (d), (f), (g), and (h) of”.

15          (c) APPROVAL OF TRIBAL GAMING ORDINANCE OR  
16          RESOLUTION.—Subsection (e) of section 11 (25 U.S.C.  
17          2710) is amended by striking “Chairman” each place it  
18          appears and inserting in lieu thereof “Commission”.

19          **SEC. 10. MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS.**

20          (a) ROLE OF COMMISSION.—(1) Section 12 of the  
21          Act (25 U.S.C. 2711) is amended by striking “Chairman”  
22          each place it appears and inserting in lieu thereof “Com-  
23          mission”.

1           (2) Subsection (f) of such section is amended by  
2 striking “he” and inserting in lieu thereof “the Commis-  
3 sion”.

4           (b) INFORMATION REQUIRED.—Section 12(a) (25  
5 U.S.C. 2711(a)) is amended—

6           (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A)  
7 of paragraph (1), by striking “class II gaming activ-  
8 ity that the Indian tribe may engage in under sec-  
9 tion 11(b)(1)” and inserting in lieu thereof “gaming  
10 activity that the Indian tribe may engage in under  
11 this Act”;

12           (2) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph  
13 (1)(B);

14           (3) by striking the period at the end of para-  
15 graph (1)(C) and inserting in lieu thereof “; and”;

16           (4) by adding at the end of paragraph (1) the  
17 following new subparagraph:

18           “(D) a complete disclosure of all collateral and ancil-  
19 lary agreements that exist between the management com-  
20 pany and the tribe, and between any and all persons listed  
21 in subparagraph (A) and the tribe.”; and

22           (5) by striking paragraph (3).

23           (c) APPROVAL.—Subsection (b) of section 12 (25  
24 U.S.C. 2711) is amended—

1           (1) by inserting “and” at the end of paragraph  
2           (4);  
3           (2) by striking paragraph (5); and  
4           (3) redesignating paragraph (6) as paragraph  
5           (5).

6           (d) PERIOD FOR APPROVAL.—Subsection (d) of sec-  
7           tion 12 (25 U.S.C. 2711) is amended—

8           (1) by striking “180” both places it appears  
9           and inserting in lieu thereof “90”; and

10          (2) by amending the second sentence to read as  
11          follows: “In the event the time periods expire with-  
12          out action taken by the Commission, the manage-  
13          ment contract shall be deemed to be approved and  
14          the tribe and management contractors may proceed  
15          as if such contract is formally approved.”.

16 **SEC. 11. EXISTING ORDINANCES AND CONTRACTS.**

17          Subsection (c) of section 13 (25 U.S.C. 2712) is  
18          amended by striking “including all collateral agreements,”  
19          and inserting in lieu thereof “including all related agree-  
20          ments involving the same parties, financing or leasing  
21          agreements, or any agreement that pertains to significant  
22          management functions or responsibilities,”.

1 **SEC. 12. CIVIL PENALTIES.**

2 Paragraph (2) of section 14(a) (25 U.S.C. 2713(a))  
3 is amended by inserting “a mechanism for informal dis-  
4 pute resolution and”.

5 **SEC. 13. COMMISSION FUNDING.**

6 Section 18 of the Act (25 U.S.C. 2717) is amended  
7 by adding at the end the following new subsections:

8 “(c) The Commission may assess applicable gaming  
9 operations for an amount necessary to defray reasonable  
10 costs related to the performance of regulatory responsibil-  
11 ities set forth in compacts relating to class III gaming ac-  
12 tivities.

13 “(d) All amounts collected pursuant to the assess-  
14 ment of fees under this section shall be retained by the  
15 Commission and, subject to subsection (a)(5), shall be  
16 available without further appropriation—

17 “(1) first for the performance of the regulatory  
18 responsibilities relating to the class of gaming with  
19 respect to which such fees were collected; and

20 “(2) then, to the extent any amount remains,  
21 for the performance of other responsibilities of the  
22 Commission.”.

23 **SEC. 14. GAMING ON AFTER-ACQUIRED LANDS.**

24 (a) **ELIMINATION OF GOVERNOR’S CONCURRENCE.**—  
25 Subparagraph (A) of section 20(b)(1) of the Act (25  
26 U.S.C. 2719(b)(1)) is amended by striking “, but only if

1 the Governor of the State in which the gaming activity  
2 is to be conducted concurs in the Secretary’s determina-  
3 tion”.

4 (b) REPORTING AND WITHHOLDING OF TAXES.—  
5 Paragraph (1) of section 20(d) (25 U.S.C. 2719(d)) is  
6 amended—

7 (1) by inserting “, the exemption from Federal  
8 taxes provided to the States with respect to any  
9 gaming activity, and the reporting of cash trans-  
10 actions” after “wagering operations”; and

11 (2) by striking “under a Tribal-State compact  
12 entered into under section 11(d)(3) that is in ef-  
13 fect,”.

14 **SEC. 15. CRIMINAL PROVISIONS.**

15 Section 1166 of title 18, United States Code, is  
16 amended by striking “Tribal-State compact” both places  
17 it appears and inserting in lieu thereof “compact”.

18 **SEC. 16. TAX EXEMPT STATUS.**

19 The Act is amended by inserting after section 20 the  
20 following new section:

21 “TAX EXEMPT STATUS

22 “SEC. 20A. Notwithstanding any other provision of  
23 Federal law, tribally owned or chartered gaming oper-  
24 ations shall not be subject to any Federal tax, including  
25 (but not limited to) excise and corporations taxes, except

1 for the fees and assessments expressly provided for in this  
2 Act.”.

3 **SEC. 17. RHODE ISLAND INDIAN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT ACT.**

4 Section 9 of the Rhode Island Indian Claims Settle-  
5 ment Act (25 U.S.C. 1708) is amended to read as follows:

6 “APPLICABILITY OF STATE LAW

7 “SEC. 9. Except as otherwise provided in this Act,  
8 the settlement lands shall be subject to the civil and crimi-  
9 nal laws and jurisdiction of the State of Rhode Island.”.

10 **SEC. 18. EFFECTIVE DATES AND TRANSITION PROVISIONS.**

11 (a) **PRIOR COMPACTS AND GOVERNANCE.**—Notwith-  
12 standing any other provision of the Indian Gaming Regu-  
13 latory Act Amendments of 1997, all compacts approved  
14 by the Secretary, and procedures for governance in lieu  
15 of compacts promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior,  
16 under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701  
17 et seq.) as in effect before the date of the enactment of  
18 this Act, shall continue to be fully operative and binding  
19 on the parties and shall not be subject to revision unless  
20 agreed to by the parties.

21 (b) **NEGOTIATIONS.**—Any tribe that requested a  
22 State to negotiate a Tribal-State compact before the en-  
23 actment of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act Amend-  
24 ments of 1997 and has not completed that process may  
25 request the State to enter into a compact as specified  
26 under section 11(d)(3)(A) of the Indian Gaming Regu-

1 latory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.) as amended by this  
2 Act.

3 (c) **LAWFULNESS OF CERTAIN CLASS III GAMING**  
4 **ACTIVITIES.**—(1) Class III gaming activities that are as  
5 a matter of Federal law lawful in any jurisdiction on the  
6 date of the enactment of this Act, shall, notwithstanding  
7 any provision of this Act or the amendments made by this  
8 Act, remain lawful for purposes of section 11(d)(7)(C) of  
9 the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C.  
10 2710(d)(7)(C)), as amended by this Act.

11 (2) For purposes of Federal law, the laws in effect  
12 on the date that an Indian tribe notifies the Secretary (or  
13 before December 31, 1996, notified the State) that it  
14 wishes to negotiate a compact, shall be the basis for deter-  
15 mining the scope of gaming in section 11(d) of the Indian  
16 Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2710(d)), as amended  
17 by this Act, for any compact or for procedures in lieu of  
18 a compact. For 1997 and later, laws in effect may be con-  
19 sidered so long as these laws increase the gaming options  
20 available to tribes.

21 (3) Notwithstanding any provision of this Act or the  
22 amendments made by this Act—

23 (A) tribes operating Class III gaming pursuant  
24 to regulations promulgated by the Department of  
25 the Interior and in effect on or before the date of

1 the enactment of this Act shall be entitled to con-  
2 duct Class III gaming activities without the approval  
3 of a compact, consistent with such regulations;

4 (B) tribes with Indian lands in Wisconsin shall  
5 be entitled to conduct Class III gaming activities  
6 consistent with the decision of Federal district court  
7 in *Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chip-*  
8 *pewa Indians v. State of Wisconsin*, 770 F. Supp.  
9 480 (W.D. Wis. 1991);

10 (C) tribes with Indian lands in the State of  
11 Washington shall be entitled to conduct or continue  
12 such class III gaming activities that were actually  
13 operated in such State by any Indian tribe on or be-  
14 fore November 1, 1994, without a compact, but only  
15 to the extent of the nature and scope of such class  
16 III gaming activities that were in operation by any  
17 Indian tribe in such State on or before such date,  
18 so long as such class III gaming activities are other-  
19 wise in compliance with this Act or court order;

20 (D) tribes with Indian lands in the State of  
21 California shall be entitled to conduct class III gam-  
22 ing activities without a compact so long as such  
23 games are limited to the nature and scope of gaming  
24 activities conducted by any Indian tribe in the State  
25 of California in effect on or prior to January 1,

1       1997, and such activities are otherwise in compli-  
2       ance with this Act.

3       (d) CATAWBA INDIAN TRIBE OF SOUTH CARO-  
4       LINA.—Nothing in this Act or the amendments made by  
5       this Act shall be construed as a repeal of section 14(a)  
6       of the Catawba Indian Tribe of South Carolina Land  
7       Claims Settlement Act of 1993 (25 U.S.C. 9411(a)).

8       (e) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this section,  
9       the terms “class III gaming” and “Indian tribe” have the  
10      meaning given such terms by the Indian Gaming Regu-  
11      latory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.).

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