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Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. INOUE, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. FRANKEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. MODIFICATION OF DEFINITION.

(a) In General- Section 19 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (commonly known as the `Indian Reorganization Act') (25 U.S.C. 479), is amended--

(1) in the first sentence--

(A) by striking `The term' and inserting `Effective beginning on June 18, 1934, the term'; and

(B) by striking `any recognized Indian tribe now under Federal jurisdiction' and inserting `any federally recognized Indian tribe'; and

(2) by striking the third sentence and inserting the following:

`In this section, the term `Indian tribe' means any Indian or Alaska Native tribe, band, nation, pueblo, village, or community

that the Secretary of the Interior acknowledges to exist as an Indian tribe.'

(b) Effective Date- The amendments made by subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the Act of June 18, 1934 (commonly known as the 'Indian Reorganization Act') (25 U.S.C. 479), on the date of enactment of that Act.