

116TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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To amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to deem employees of urban Indian organizations as part of the Public Health Service for certain purposes, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. SMITH (for herself, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. UDALL, and Ms. MCSALLY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 “Coverage for Urban  
5 Indian Health Providers Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEEMING URBAN INDIAN ORGANIZATIONS AND EM-**  
2 **PLOYEES TO BE A PART OF THE PUBLIC**  
3 **HEALTH SERVICE FOR THE PURPOSES OF**  
4 **CERTAIN CLAIMS FOR PERSONAL INJURY.**

5 Title V of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act  
6 (25 U.S.C. 1651 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end  
7 the following:

8 **“SEC. 519. DEEMING URBAN INDIAN ORGANIZATIONS AND**  
9 **EMPLOYEES TO BE A PART OF THE PUBLIC**  
10 **HEALTH SERVICE FOR THE PURPOSES OF**  
11 **CERTAIN CLAIMS FOR PERSONAL INJURY.**

12 “Section 102(d) of the Indian Self-Determination  
13 and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5321(d)) shall  
14 apply to—

15 “(1) an urban Indian organization to the same  
16 extent and in the same manner as that section ap-  
17 plies to an Indian tribe, a tribal organization, and  
18 an Indian contractor; and

19 “(2) the employees of an urban Indian organi-  
20 zation to the same extent and in the same manner  
21 as that section applies to employees of an Indian  
22 tribe, a tribal organization, and an Indian con-  
23 tractor.”.