

HR 6535

To deem an urban Indian organization and employees thereof to be a part of the Public Health Service for the purposes of certain claims for personal injury, and for other purposes.

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Native Americans

Introduced: Apr 17, 2020

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 116-313.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 116-313. (Jan 5, 2021)

Law: 116-313 (Enacted Jan 5, 2021)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/6535>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]

Party: Democratic • **State:** AZ • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK-2]	R · OK		Apr 17, 2020
Rep. Haaland, Debra A. [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Apr 22, 2020
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		May 5, 2020
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		May 5, 2020
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		May 8, 2020
Rep. Cook, Paul [R-CA-8]	R · CA		May 12, 2020
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		May 12, 2020
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		May 15, 2020
Rep. Stanton, Greg [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		May 15, 2020
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Jun 1, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Discharged From	Dec 15, 2020
Judiciary Committee	House	Discharged From	Dec 15, 2020
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Jul 29, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Native Americans

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 3650	Related bill	Jul 29, 2020: Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.

Summary (as of Jan 5, 2021)

This bill extends federal torts claim coverage for certain personal injury claims (i.e., medical malpractice liability protection) to urban Indian organizations and their employees by deeming them as part of the Public Health Service. Currently, such coverage is provided to Indian tribes, tribal organizations, Indian contractors, and their employees.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 5, 2021:** Signed by President.
- **Jan 5, 2021:** Became Public Law No: 116-313.
- **Dec 24, 2020:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 21, 2020:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 20, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.(consideration: CR S7871)
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- **Dec 18, 2020:** Received in the Senate, read twice.
- **Dec 17, 2020:** Mr. Gallego moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Dec 17, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7245-7247)
- **Dec 17, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 6535.
- **Dec 17, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.
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- **Dec 17, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 15, 2020:** Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 116-651, Part I.
- **Dec 15, 2020:** Committee on Energy and Commerce discharged.
- **Dec 15, 2020:** Committee on the Judiciary discharged.
- **Dec 15, 2020:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 535.
- **Jul 29, 2020:** Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States Discharged.
- **Jul 29, 2020:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 29, 2020:** Ordered to be Reported by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jul 22, 2020:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Apr 24, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.
- **Apr 17, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 17, 2020:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and the Judiciary, 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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