

HR 8298

To amend the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act to move the enforcement office to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to increase the civil monetary penalties for failure to follow the processes established by that Act, to protect confidential information, and for other purposes.

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Policy Area: Native Americans

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Sep 17, 2020)

This bill revises certain provisions related to the repatriation and disposition of Native American human remains, funerary objects, cultural patrimony, and sacred objects.

Specifically, the bill (1) increases fines on museums that violate repatriation and disposition requirements, (2) makes the Bureau of Indian Affairs the enforcement office for such violations, and (3) deems information that is related to the fulfillment of repatriation and disposition obligations or submitted to the review committee as confidential.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 17, 2020:** Introduced in House
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