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S. 1670

To amend the Alaskan Native Claims Settlement Act to provide for selection of lands by certain veterans of the Vietnam era.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MURKOWSKI (for himself and Mr. STEVENS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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. VIETNAM VETERANS ALLOTMENT.**

4 The Alaskan Native Claims Settlement Act (43
5 U.S.C. 1600, et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
6 the following:

1 OPEN SEASON FOR CERTAIN NATIVE ALASKAN
2 VETERANS FOR ALLOTMENTS

3 “SEC. 41. (a) IN GENERAL.—(1) During the one-
4 year period beginning on the date of enactment of this
5 section, an individual described in subsection (b) is eligible
6 for an allotment of not more than 160 acres of land under
7 the Act of May 17, 1906 (chapter 2469; 34 Stat. 197),
8 as such Act was in effect before December 18, 1971.

9 “(2) Allotments selected under this section shall not
10 be from existing native or non-native campsites.

11 “(3) Only Federal lands are eligible for selection and
12 conveyance under this Act.

13 “(4) All conveyances are subject to valid rights.

14 “(5) All state selected lands that have not yet been
15 conveyed are ineligible for selection under this Act.

16 “(6) The Secretary shall prescribe, after consultation
17 with Alaska Natives groups, such rules as may be nec-
18 essary to carry out this section.

19 “(b) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—(1) An individual is
20 eligible under subsection (a) if the individual would have
21 been eligible under the Act of May 17, 1906 (chapter
22 2469; 34 Stat. 197), as such Act was in effect before De-
23 cember 18, 1971, and the individual is a veteran of the
24 Vietnam era.

1 “(2) For purposes of this section, in the case of an
2 individual described in paragraph (1) who is deceased, the
3 heirs of the individual shall be treated as the individual
4 described in paragraph (1).

5 “(c) CONVEYANCE DEADLINE.—The Secretary of the
6 Interior shall complete land conveyances pursuant to this
7 section not later than one year after the end of the period
8 referred to in subsection (a).

9 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this section,
10 the terms ‘veteran’ and ‘Vietnam era’ have the meaning
11 given such terms by paragraphs (2) and (29), respectively,
12 of section 101 of title 38, United States Code.”.

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