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SENATE BILL DRS45101-MM-45

Short Title: Clarify State Recognition - Lumbee Indians. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Britt, Bishop, and McInnis (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT AMENDING THE STATE RECOGNITION OF THE LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH
3 CAROLINA.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S 71A-3 reads as rewritten:

6 "§ 71A-3. Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina; rights, privileges, immunities, obligations and
7 duties.

8 The Indians now residing in Robeson and adjoining counties of North Carolina, originally
9 found by the first white settlers on the Lumbee River in Robeson County, and claiming joint
10 descent from remnants of early American Colonists and certain tribes of Indians originally
11 inhabiting the coastal regions of North Carolina, who have previously been known as "Croatan
12 Indians," "Indians of Robeson County," and "Cherokee Indians of Robeson County," shall, from
13 and after April 20, 1953, be designated and officially recognized as Lumbee Tribe of North
14 Carolina and shall continue to enjoy all rights, privileges and immunities ~~enjoyed by them as~~
15 ~~citizens of the State as now provided by law, and shall continue to be subject to all the obligations~~
16 ~~and duties of citizens under the law as an American Indian Tribe with a recognized tribal~~
17 governing body carrying out and exercising substantial governmental duties and powers similar
18 to the State, being recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the
19 United States to Indians because of their status as Indians."

20 SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

