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HOUSE BILL 362

Short Title: State Tribal Governments.-AB (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Sutton; Barefoot, Lucas, Yongue, Bonner, and Goodwin.

Referred to: Military, Veterans and Indian Affairs.

March 1, 2001

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE STATE-RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBES TO EXERCISE
3 SELF-GOVERNANCE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 71A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a
6 new section to read:

7 "**§ 71A-10. Indian self-governance.**

8 Each Indian tribe designated and officially recognized by this Chapter is entitled to
9 organize and function as a governmental body within the borders of this State. The
10 authority granted in this section provides each tribe with the power to:

- 11 (1) Determine the tribe's form of government;
- 12 (2) Elect the tribe's own governing body;
- 13 (3) Exercise full power and authority over the members of the tribe with
14 respect to tribal affairs;
- 15 (4) Determine the criteria for tribal enrollment in the tribe and maintain
16 the tribal roll; and
- 17 (5) Oversee the reinterment of any remains from Indian burial sites
18 recovered pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 70 of the General
19 Statutes.

20 Nothing in this section authorizes an Indian tribe to act in a manner inconsistent with
21 the laws of the State of North Carolina."

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