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HOUSE BILL DRH40090-MM-39

Short Title: Mod Rights/Privileges/Immunities Lumbee Tribe. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Graham.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO MODIFY THE DEFINITION OF THE LUMBEE TRIBE LOCATED IN  
3 ROBESON, CUMBERLAND, HOKE, AND SCOTLAND COUNTIES.  
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 County and the adjoining counties of Cumberland,  
9 Hoke, and Scotland in North Carolina, originally found by the first white settlers on the Lumbee  
10 River in Robeson County, and claiming joint descent from remnants of early American Colonists  
11 and certain tribes of Indians originally inhabiting the coastal regions of North Carolina, who have  
12 previously been known as "Croatan Indians," "Indians of Robeson County," and "Cherokee  
13 Indians of Robeson County," shall, from and after April 20, 1953, be designated and officially  
14 recognized as Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina and ~~shall continue to enjoy all rights, privileges~~  
15 ~~and immunities enjoyed by them as citizens of the State as now provided by law, and shall~~  
16 ~~continue to be subject to all the obligations and duties of citizens under the law.~~ they shall  
17 continue to enjoy all their rights, privileges, and immunities as an American Indian Tribe with a  
18 recognized tribal governing body carrying out and exercising substantial governmental duties  
19 and powers similar to the State, being recognized as eligible for the special programs and services  
20 provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians."  
21 SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

