
HOUSE BILL 1797

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By Representatives Conway, Cairnes, Clements, Wood, Santos and Hurst
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1 AN ACT Relating to the negotiation, enforcement, and resolution of
2 disputes regarding tribal/state gaming compacts under the federal
3 Indian gaming regulatory act of 1988; and adding a new section to
4 chapter 9.46 RCW.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 9.46 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 In any legal action brought by a federally recognized Indian tribe
9 against the state of Washington seeking remedies set forth in the
10 federal Indian gaming regulatory act of 1988, 25 U.S.C. Sec. 2701 et
11 seq., or seeking the enforcement of the terms of a tribal/state compact
12 adopted under the federal Indian gaming regulatory act of 1988, 25
13 U.S.C. Sec. 2701 et seq. for, the state hereby consents to the
14 jurisdiction of the United States district court for the eastern or
15 western district of Washington or the state court in which the action
16 was commenced, conditioned upon a similar limited waiver of sovereign
17 immunity by the Indian tribe bringing such action. This limited waiver

1 of sovereign immunity shall not extend to any actions other than those
2 expressly set forth in this section.

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