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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to civil and criminal jurisdiction over  
Indian reservations; amending s. 285.16, F.S.; exempting  
the reservations of the Miccosukee Indian Tribe of Florida  
from a provision of law authorizing the State of Florida  
to take jurisdiction of civil and criminal matters on  
Indian reservations in the state; providing an effective  
date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 285.16, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
read:

285.16 Civil and criminal jurisdiction; Indian  
reservation; exception.--

(1) The State of Florida hereby assumes jurisdiction over  
criminal offenses committed by or against Indians or other  
persons within Indian reservations and over civil causes of  
actions between Indians or other persons or to which Indians or  
other persons are parties arising within Indian reservations.

(2) The civil and criminal laws of Florida shall obtain on  
all Indian reservations in this state and shall be enforced in  
the same manner as elsewhere throughout the state.

(3) This section does not apply to Indian reservations of  
the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.