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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to Indian reservations; amending s. 285.16, F.S.; specifying that the state's jurisdiction over criminal offenses committed within Indian reservations does not apply to Indian reservations of the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida; providing an exception for such reservations with respect to the applicability of civil and criminal laws of the state; providing for construction of the act in pari materia with laws enacted during the 2003 Regular Session of the Legislature; 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 rising 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) Subsections (1) and (2) of this section do not apply to Indian reservations of the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida.



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Section 2. If any law amended by this act was also amended by a law enacted at the 2003 Regular Session of the Legislature, such laws shall be construed as if they had been enacted at the same session of the Legislature, and full effect shall be given to each if possible.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.