

**H.R. 2387, “Alaska Native Veterans Land Allotment Equity Act”**

H.R. 2387, the “Alaska Native Veterans Land Allotment Equity Act,” authored by Rep. Don Young (R-AK), amends the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide equitable treatment of Alaska Native Vietnam veterans under the Native Allotment Act of 1906. While serving in the Vietnam War, which officially lasted from 1964 – 1975, many Native Alaskan veterans did not apply for Native allotments because they were unable to select land while overseas or were unaware of the application process ending. Upon their return to the United States, the application deadline had passed and the land they previously used could not be proven to be occupied in a continuous manner.

H.R. 2387 will allow Alaska Native Vietnam veterans to be eligible for benefits the federal government promised to all Alaska Natives prior to 1971.

- **MAKES VETERANS ELIIGIBLE FOR LAND ALLOTMENTS:** Expands military service dates to coincide with the entire Vietnam conflict so all Alaska Native Vietnam veterans will be eligible for land benefits if they have not previously received a full allotment. Only those who served in active military duty from January 1, 1969 to December 31, 1971 will be allowed to apply.
- **INCREASES SELECTABLE LAND:** H.R. 2387 will authorize Alaska Native veterans to apply for land that is federally owned but vacant.
- **REDUCES RESTRICTIONS:** Replaces onerous use and occupancy requirements to provide fair and equitable allotment selections, consistent with the Native Allotment Act.

**BACKGROUND**

H.R. 2387 was introduced by Rep. Young on May 15, 2015 and was referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs. A legislative hearing was first [held](#) on June 10, 2015. Click [here](#) to view the hearing memo.