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SENATE BILL NO. 205

Introduced by: Senators Volesky, Hagen, and Koetzle and Representatives McCoy,
Bradford, Kloucek, Lange, Nesselhuf, and Van Norman

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to provide for the elimination of the term, squaw, from
2 South Dakota place names.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. The commissioner of the Office of Tribal Governmental Relations shall appoint
5 an advisory group that shall serve on a volunteer basis to consult with local agencies,
6 organizations, and individuals in developing names to replace any present site or geographic
7 names in South Dakota that contain the term, squaw.

8 Section 2. Each agency of state government that owns or manages public land in the state
9 shall identify any features or places under its jurisdiction that contain the term, squaw, and shall
10 inform the advisory group of the agency's identification of features or places containing that
11 word. The agency shall ensure that whenever the agency updates a map or replaces a sign,
12 interpretive marker, or any other marker, the term, squaw, is removed and replaced with the
13 name approved by the advisory group.

14 Section 3. Each municipality or county in which a place or feature is found to have a name
15 that includes the term, squaw, shall notify the advisory group and shall take whatever reasonable

1 actions are required to complete a change in the name of the place or feature.

2 Section 4. The advisory group shall:

3 (1) Notify the United States Forest Service, the South Dakota Departments of Commerce
4 and Regulation, Environment and Natural Resources, Transportation, Tourism,
5 Game, Fish and Parks, and any other entity that compiles information for and
6 develops maps for the state or for public use of the name change so that it may be
7 reflected on subsequent editions of any maps or informational literature produced by
8 those entities; and

9 (2) Place a formal request with the United States Department of the Interior, the United
10 States Board on Geographic Names to render a decision on the proposed name
11 change so that the new name will be reflected on all United States Board on
12 Geographic Names maps.