

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 772

AN ACT

To amend the PROTECT Act to make Indian tribes eligible
for AMBER Alert grants.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “AMBER Alert in In-
3 dian Country Act of 2017”.

4 **SEC. 2. AMBER ALERT GRANTS FOR INDIAN TRIBES.**

5 Section 304 of the PROTECT Act (42 U.S.C. 5791c)
6 is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “and Indian
8 tribes” after “States”;

9 (2) in subsection (b)—

10 (A) in paragraph (3), by striking “and” at
11 the end;

12 (B) by redesignating paragraph (4) as
13 paragraph (5); and

14 (C) by inserting after paragraph (3) the
15 following:

16 “(4) the integration of State or regional
17 AMBER Alert communication plans with an Indian
18 tribe; and”;

19 (3) in subsection (c)—

20 (A) by striking “The Federal” and insert-
21 ing the following:

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
23 graph (2), the Federal”; and

24 (B) by adding at the end the following:

25 “(2) WAIVER OF FEDERAL SHARE.—If the At-
26 torney General determines that an Indian tribe does

1 not have sufficient funds available to comply with
2 the Federal share requirement under paragraph (1)
3 for the cost of activities funded by a grant for the
4 purpose described in subsection (b)(4), the Attorney
5 General may increase the Federal share of the costs
6 for such activities to the extent the Attorney General
7 determines necessary.”;

8 (4) in subsection (e), by striking “for grants
9 under” and inserting “and standards to improve ac-
10 countability and transparency for grants awarded
11 under”;

12 (5) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-
13 section (g);

14 (6) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
15 lowing:

16 “(f) DEFINITION OF INDIAN TRIBE.—In this section,
17 the term ‘Indian tribe’ means a federally recognized In-
18 dian tribe or a Native village, Regional Corporation, or
19 Village Corporation (as those terms are defined in section
20 3 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C.
21 1602)).”; and

22 (7) in subsection (g)(1), as so redesignated—

23 (A) by striking “2004” each place it ap-
24 pears and inserting “2018”; and

1 (B) by striking “subsection (b)(3)” and in-
2 serting “paragraphs (3) and (4) of subsection
3 (b)”.

4 **SEC. 3. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

5 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
6 of this Act, the Attorney General shall submit a report
7 evaluating the readiness, education, and training needs,
8 technological challenges, and specific obstacles encoun-
9 tered by Indian tribes in the integration of State or re-
10 gional AMBER Alert communication plans to—

11 (1) the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Sen-
12 ate;

13 (2) the Committee on the Judiciary of the Sen-
14 ate;

15 (3) the Committee on Natural Resources of the
16 House of Representatives; and

17 (4) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
18 House of Representatives.

Passed the Senate November 29, 2017.

Attest:

Secretary.

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