

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 772

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## 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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