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# S. 772

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

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 29, 2017

Mr. MCCAIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred  
to the Committee on Indian Affairs

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## A BILL

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

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

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

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

1 (2) in subsection (b)—

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

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

6 (C) by inserting after paragraph (3) the  
7 following:

8 “(4) the integration of State or regional  
9 AMBER Alert communication plans with an Indian  
10 tribe; and”;

11 (3) in subsection (c)—

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

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

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

17 “(2) WAIVER OF FEDERAL SHARE.—If the At-  
18 torney General determines that an Indian tribe does  
19 not have sufficient funds available to comply with  
20 the Federal share requirement under paragraph (1)  
21 for the cost of activities funded by a grant for the  
22 purpose described in subsection (b)(4), the Attorney  
23 General may increase the Federal share of the costs  
24 for such activities to the extent the Attorney General  
25 determines necessary.”;

1 (4) in subsection (e), by striking “for grants  
2 under” and inserting “and standards to improve ac-  
3 countability and transparency for grants awarded  
4 under”;

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

7 (6) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-  
8 lowing:

9 “(f) DEFINITION OF INDIAN TRIBE.—In this section,  
10 the term ‘Indian tribe’ means a federally recognized In-  
11 dian tribe or a Native village, Regional Corporation, or  
12 Village Corporation (as those terms are defined in section  
13 3 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C.  
14 1602)).”; and

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

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

18 (B) by striking “subsection (b)(3)” and in-  
19 serting “paragraphs (3) and (4) of subsection  
20 (b)”.

21 **SEC. 3. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

22 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment  
23 of this Act, the Attorney General shall submit a report  
24 evaluating the readiness, education, and training needs,  
25 technological challenges, and specific obstacles encoun-

1 tered by Indian tribes in the integration of State or re-  
2 gional AMBER Alert communication plans to—

3           (1) the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Sen-  
4       ate;

5           (2) the Committee on the Judiciary of the Sen-  
6       ate;

7           (3) the Committee on Natural Resources of the  
8       House of Representatives; and

9           (4) the Committee on the Judiciary of the  
10      House of Representatives.

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