

**Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, S. 772, with An Amendment**  
**(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a  
new text)**

115<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# S. 772

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 30, 2017

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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 (34 U.S.C. 20504)  
6 is amended—

7 (1) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-  
8 lows:

9 “(a) PROGRAM REQUIRED.—The Attorney General  
10 shall carry out a program to provide grants to States and  
11 Indian tribes for—

12 “(1) the development or enhancement of pro-  
13 grams and activities for the support of AMBER  
14 Alert communications plans; and

15 “(2) the integration of tribal AMBER Alert  
16 systems into State AMBER Alert systems.”;

17 (2) in subsection (b)—

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

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

22 (C) by inserting after paragraph (3) the  
23 following:

24 “(4) the integration of State or regional  
25 AMBER Alert communication plans with an Indian  
26 tribe; and”;

1 (3) in subsection (c)—

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

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

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

7 “(2) WAIVER OF FEDERAL SHARE.—If the At-  
8 torney General determines that an Indian tribe does  
9 not have sufficient funds available to comply with  
10 the Federal share requirement under paragraph (1)  
11 for the cost of activities funded by a grant for the  
12 purpose described in subsection (b)(4), the Attorney  
13 General may increase the Federal share of the costs  
14 for such activities to the extent the Attorney General  
15 determines necessary.”;

16 (4) in subsection (e), by striking “for grants  
17 under” and inserting “and standards to improve ac-  
18 countability and transparency for grants awarded  
19 under”;

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

22 (6) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-  
23 lowing:

24 “(f) DEFINITION OF INDIAN TRIBE.—In this section,  
25 the term ‘Indian tribe’ means a federally recognized In-

1 dian tribe or a Native village, Regional Corporation, or  
2 Village Corporation (as those terms are defined in section  
3 3 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C.  
4 1602)).”; and

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

6 (A) by striking “2004” each place it ap-  
7 pears and inserting “2019”; and

8 (B) by striking “subsection (b)(3)” and in-  
9 serting “paragraphs (3) and (4) of subsection  
10 (b)”.

11 **SEC. 3. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

12 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment  
13 of this Act, the Attorney General shall submit a report  
14 evaluating the readiness, education, and training needs,  
15 technological challenges, and specific obstacles encoun-  
16 tered by Indian tribes in the integration of State or re-  
17 gional AMBER Alert communication plans to—

18 (1) the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Sen-  
19 ate;

20 (2) the Committee on the Judiciary of the Sen-  
21 ate;

22 (3) the Committee on Natural Resources of the  
23 House of Representatives; and

24 (4) the Committee on the Judiciary of the  
25 House of Representatives.