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H. R. 1709

To allow members of federally recognized Tribes to use their Tribal government identification documents in obtaining a firearm from a federally licensed firearms dealer.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 22, 2023

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself, Mrs. PELTOLA, Mr. COLE, Mr. ZINKE, Mr. ARMSTRONG, Mr. BACON, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. LAMALFA, Ms. MACE, Mrs. BICE, Mr. LAMBORN, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. MANN, and Mr. SMITH of Nebraska) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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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 “Tribal Firearm Access
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ALLOWING MEMBERS OF FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED**
2 **TRIBES TO USE THEIR TRIBAL GOVERNMENT**
3 **IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS IN OBTAINING**
4 **A FIREARM FROM A FEDERALLY LICENSED**
5 **FIREARMS DEALER.**

6 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 922(t)(1)(D) of title 18,
7 United States Code, is amended by inserting “, or a valid
8 identification document issued by a Tribal government”
9 before the period.

10 (b) **DEFINITION.**—Section 921(a) of such title is
11 amended by adding at the end the following:

12 “(38) The term ‘Tribal government’ means the recog-
13 nized governing body of any Indian or Alaska Native
14 Tribe, band, nation, pueblo, village, community, compo-
15 nent band, or component reservation, individually identi-
16 fied (including parenthetically) in the list published most
17 recently as of the date of the enactment of this paragraph
18 pursuant to section 104(a) of the Federally Recognized
19 Indian Tribe List Act of 1994 (25 U.S.C. 5131(a)).”.

20 (c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
21 this section shall take effect on the date that is 90 days
22 after the date of enactment of this Act.

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