

## HR 3236

### Tribal Police Department Parity Act

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Native Americans

**Introduced:** May 11, 2023

**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. (May 11, 2023)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/3236>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Johnson, Dusty [R-SD-At Large]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** SD • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (5 total)

| Cosponsor                                  | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|--|---------------|------|--------------|
| Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]                   | R · NE        |      | May 11, 2023 |
| Rep. Ellzey, Jake [R-TX-6]                 | R · TX        |      | May 11, 2023 |
| Rep. Zinke, Ryan K. [R-MT-1]               | R · MT        |      | May 11, 2023 |
| Rep. Mann, Tracey [R-KS-1]                 | R · KS        |      | May 15, 2023 |
| Rep. Peltola, Mary Sattler [D-AK-At Large] | D · AK        |      | Jun 12, 2023 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|--------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Judiciary Committee      | House   | Referred To | May 11, 2023 |
| Ways and Means Committee | House   | Referred To | May 11, 2023 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Native Americans

### Related Bills

| Bill       | Relationship   | Last Action  |
|------------|----------------|--|
| 118 S 1562 | Identical bill | May 11, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. |

## **Tribal Police Department Parity Act**

This bill treats tribal law enforcement agencies in the same manner as federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies for purposes of accessing firearms.

The National Firearms Act (NFA) generally imposes a tax on the transfer of an NFA firearm; however, specified governmental entities (e.g., federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies) are exempt from this transfer tax. This bill extends this exemption to Indian tribes (and consequently, to tribal law enforcement agencies).

The Gun Control Act (GCA) generally prohibits the interstate shipment of firearms to unlicensed persons, but exempts specified governmental entities from this prohibition. This bill makes Indian tribes (and consequently, tribal law enforcement agencies) eligible to receive firearms interstate.

The GCA also prohibits the transfer or possession of machine guns manufactured after 1986, but exempts specified governmental entities from this prohibition. This bill makes Indian tribes (and consequently, tribal law enforcement agencies) eligible to transfer or possess these machine guns.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 11, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **May 11, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.