

HR 3236

Tribal Police Department Parity Act

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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

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Sponsor

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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

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Related Bills

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

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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

- **May 11, 2023:** Introduced in House
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