

1 **Tribal Endorsement of Utah Driver License Amendments**

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STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: A. Cory Maloy

Senate Sponsor: Brady Brammer

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3 **LONG TITLE**

4 ~~§~~ [Committee Note:

5 ~~The Judiciary Interim Committee recommended this bill.~~

6 ~~Legislative Vote: 12 voting for 0 voting against 4 absent } ←§~~

7 **General Description:**

8 This bill allows an applicant for a driver license to request a notation on the driver license
9 or identification card indicating that the individual is an enrolled member of a federally
10 recognized Indian tribe.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This bill:

- 13 ▶ defines terms;
- 14 ▶ allows an applicant to request a notation of ~~§~~ ["Native American"] "**Federally**

14a **Recognized Tribal Member**" ←§ on the driver license or

15 identification card indicating that the individual is an enrolled member of a federally
16 recognized Indian tribe;

- 17 ▶ instructs the Driver License Division regarding satisfactory proof that an applicant is an
18 enrolled member of a federally recognized Indian tribe; and

- 19 ▶ prohibits the notation from identifying a specific Indian tribe.

20 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

21 None

22 **Other Special Clauses:**

23 This bill provides a special effective date.

24 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

25 ENACTS:

26 **53-3-237**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

28 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

29 Section 1. Section **53-3-237** is enacted to read:

30 **53-3-237 . Driver license notation of tribal membership.**

31 (1) As used in this section:

32 (a) "Bureau of Indian Affairs affidavit of birth" or "tribal affidavit of birth" means an
 33 affidavit of birth issued by the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs that includes:

34 (i) the individual's name;

35 (ii) the individual's date of birth; and

36 (iii) other identifying information.

37 (b) "Enhanced tribal card" means a tribal identification card that:

38 (i) is issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe;

39 (ii) meets the requirements established by the United States Department of Homeland
 40 Security for use as an acceptable document to denote identity and citizenship; and

41 (iii) includes enhanced security features.

41a **§→ (c) "Federally recognized Indian tribe" means an Indian tribe recognized and**
 41b **included on the list required by 25 U.S.C. Sec. 5131.**

42 **[(e)] (d) ←§** "Tribal certificate of Indian blood" means a certificate issued by the
 42a United States

43 Bureau of Indian Affairs that:

44 (i) certifies the degree of Indian blood of an individual; and

45 (ii) verifies the individual's enrollment or eligibility for enrollment in a federally
 46 recognized Indian tribe.

47 **§→ [(d)] (e) ←§** "Tribal identification card" means an identification card issued by
 47a a federally

48 recognized Indian tribe that includes:

49 (i) the individual's name;

50 (ii) the individual's date of birth;

51 (iii) a photograph of the individual; and

52 (iv) the name of the issuing tribe.

53 (2) An applicant may, as part of the application process described in Section 53-3-205 or
 54 53-3-804, request a notation on the applicant's individual license certificate or
 55 identification card indicating that the individual is an enrolled member of a federally
 56 recognized Indian tribe.

57 (3) The division shall accept the following as satisfactory proof that the applicant is an
 58 enrolled member of a federally recognized Indian tribe:

59 (a) an enhanced tribal card;

- 60 (b) a tribal identification card;
61 (c) a tribal certificate of Indian blood; or
62 (d) a tribal or Bureau of Indian Affairs affidavit of birth.
- 63 (4)(a) If the applicant provides satisfactory proof as described in Subsection (3), the
64 division shall include on the individual's license certificate or identification card a
65 notation of ~~§~~ → [~~"Native American."~~] "**Federally Recognized Tribal Member.**" ← ~~§~~
66 (b) The notation may not identify a specific Indian tribe or other specific personal
67 information that is submitted on the documents that provide satisfactory proof that
68 the person is an enrolled member of a federally recognized Indian tribe.
- 69 Section 2. **Effective Date.**
70 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2026.