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AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 36, CHAPTER 29, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 36-2902.03; AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE 1,
ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 41-1970; RELATING TO PUBLIC
BENEFITS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Title 36, chapter 29, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 36-2902.03, to read:
4 36-2902.03. Tribal identification
5 FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS CHAPTER, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL COMPLY
6 WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 41-1970 REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF
7 TRIBAL MEMBER IDENTIFICATION AS PRIMARY AND SECONDARY IDENTIFICATION
8 SOURCES.
9 Sec. 2. Title 41, chapter 14, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,
10 is amended by adding section 41-1970, to read:
11 41-1970. Acceptable identification; tribal members; public
12 benefits; definition
13 A. IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER IDENTIFICATION ACCEPTED BY THE
14 DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY AND THE ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST
15 CONTAINMENT SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION AS PROOF OF A PERSON'S IDENTITY, THE
16 DEPARTMENT AND ADMINISTRATION SHALL ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING IDENTIFICATION AS
17 ACCEPTABLE PROOF OF IDENTITY FOR A PERSON APPLYING FOR PUBLIC BENEFITS:
18 1. TRIBAL CENSUS NUMBER DOCUMENTATION THAT IS ISSUED BY THE UNITED
19 STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AS PRIMARY
20 IDENTIFICATION.
21 2. A TRIBAL MEMBER IDENTIFICATION CARD WITH THE PERSON'S PHOTOGRAPH
22 THAT IS ISSUED BY A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBAL GOVERNMENT AS PRIMARY
23 IDENTIFICATION.
24 3. A TRIBAL MEMBER IDENTIFICATION CARD WITHOUT THE PERSON'S
25 PHOTOGRAPH THAT IS ISSUED BY A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBAL GOVERNMENT AS
26 SECONDARY IDENTIFICATION.
27 B. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "PUBLIC BENEFITS" INCLUDES
28 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION, SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE, TEMPORARY
29 ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES, MEDICAID, THE ARIZONA LONG-TERM CARE SYSTEM
30 AND THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM.