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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

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**2017 Wisconsin Act 226**  
[2017 Senate Bill 488]

**Tribal Identification Cards**

2017 Wisconsin Act 226 makes a number of changes related to an identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin (hereinafter, "Wisconsin tribal ID card").

First, the Act authorizes an individual to use a Wisconsin tribal ID card as proof of residence for voter registration purposes if the identification card indicates the individual's current and complete name and residential address.

Second, the Act provides that a valid Wisconsin tribal ID card containing the card holder's photograph, full name, address, and date of birth is one of the types of identifications considered an "official identification card" as proof of age for purposes related to purchasing alcohol beverages or being allowed to enter the premises of a licensed or permitted alcohol beverages retail establishment.

Finally, the Act provides that a valid Wisconsin tribal ID card containing the card holder's photograph, full name, address, and date of birth is listed as one of the forms of identification for purposes of any of the following:

- Nonferrous scrap metal or a proprietary article sold to a scrap metal dealer.
- Cigarettes, nicotine products, or tobacco products sold to a consumer.
- Used home furnishings sold to an antique dealer or a recycler.
- Secondhand articles or secondhand jewelry purchased, exchanged, or received by a pawnbroker, secondhand article dealer, or secondhand jewelry dealer.
- Controlled substances dispensed or delivered to the representative of the ultimate user.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.