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2023 Wisconsin Act 74 [2023 Senate Bill 280]

Tribal Nation Welcome Signs

2023 Wisconsin Act 74 allows a federally recognized American Indian tribe or band in the State of Wisconsin to erect and maintain a tribal nation welcome sign where the tribe or band determines a sign is necessary to inform motorists of the territorial boundaries of the Indian reservation or other land held in trust for the tribe or band. The sign may be within the right-of-way of any highway within the boundaries of an Indian reservation or other land held in trust for the tribe or band. No sign may be placed within the right-of-way of a highway designated as part of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways. The sign is not a traffic control device and is not subject to provisions of the Wisconsin Manual on Traffic Control Devices.

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For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's bill history page.

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