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H. R. 6182

To amend title 18, United States Code, to allow a religious exemption for certain individuals from photo identification requirements, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 8, 2021

Mr. GIBBS (for himself and Mr. BALDERSON) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Religious
5 Exemptions for Amish Communities and Households Act”
6 or the “PREACH Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION FOR AMISH AND MENNON-**
2 **ITES FROM PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION**
3 **REQUIREMENT TO PURCHASE A FIREARM**
4 **FROM A FEDERALLY LICENSED FIREARMS**
5 **DEALER.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 922(t) of title 18, United
7 States Code, is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (1)(C), by inserting “or, in
9 the case of a transferee whom the Attorney General
10 certifies has qualified for a religious exemption
11 under paragraph (7), the certification and the iden-
12 tification document described in paragraph
13 (7)(A)(ii)” before the period; and

14 (2) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(7)(A) An individual desiring a religious exemption
16 under this paragraph shall submit to the Attorney Gen-
17 eral—

18 “(i) a letter from a bishop of an Amish or Men-
19 nonite church who is registered with the State as
20 such a bishop, indicating that the individual is a
21 member of the church and sincerely believes in the
22 teachings of the church;

23 “(ii) an identification document issued by the
24 State, which shall not be required to include a pho-
25 tograph of the individual; and

1 “(iii) all documents of the individual that were
2 required by the State for the issuance of the identi-
3 fication document.

4 “(B) On verification of the validity of the letter and
5 documents described in subparagraph (A), the Attorney
6 General shall certify that the individual has qualified for
7 a religious exemption under this paragraph.”.

8 **SEC. 3. IMPLEMENTATION.**

9 Within 90 days after the date of the enactment of
10 this Act, the Attorney General shall prescribe such regula-
11 tions as are necessary to implement the amendments made
12 by section 2.

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