

117TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 6182

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## 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

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## 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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