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Urban Affairs

AN ACT

To provide for a circulating quarter dollar coin program to commemorate the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for other purposes.

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 “District of Columbia
5 and United States Territories Circulating Quarter Dollar
6 Program Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. ISSUANCE OF REDESIGNED QUARTER DOLLARS**
8 **COMMEMORATING THE DISTRICT OF COLUM-**
9 **BIA AND EACH OF THE TERRITORIES.**

10 Section 5112 of title 31, United States Code, is
11 amended by inserting after subsection (m) the following
12 new subsection:

13 “(n) REDESIGN AND ISSUANCE OF CIRCULATING
14 QUARTER DOLLAR COMMEMORATING THE DISTRICT OF
15 COLUMBIA AND EACH OF THE TERRITORIES.—

16 “(1) REDESIGN IN 2009.—

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the
18 fourth sentence of subsection (d)(1) and sub-
19 section (d)(2) and subject to paragraph (6)(B),
20 quarter dollar coins issued during 2009, shall
21 have designs on the reverse side selected in ac-
22 cordance with this subsection which are em-
23 blematic of the District of Columbia and the
24 territories.

1 “(B) FLEXIBILITY WITH REGARD TO
2 PLACEMENT OF INSCRIPTIONS.—Notwith-
3 standing subsection (d)(1), the Secretary may
4 select a design for quarter dollars issued during
5 2009 in which—

6 (i) the inscription described in the sec-
7 ond sentence of subsection (d)(1) appears
8 on the reverse side of any such quarter
9 dollars; and

10 (ii) any inscription described in the
11 third sentence of subsection (d)(1) or the
12 designation of the value of the coin ap-
13 pears on the obverse side of any such quar-
14 ter dollars.

15 “(2) SINGLE DISTRICT OR TERRITORY DE-
16 SIGN.—The design on the reverse side of each quar-
17 ter dollar issued during 2009 shall be emblematic of
18 one of the following: The District of Columbia, the
19 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American
20 Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the
21 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

22 “(3) SELECTION OF DESIGN.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each of the six de-
24 signs required under this subsection for quarter
25 dollars shall be—

1 “(i) selected by the Secretary after
2 consultation with—

3 “(I) the chief executive of the
4 District of Columbia or the territory
5 being commemorated, or such other
6 officials or group as the chief execu-
7 tive officer of the District of Columbia
8 or the territory may designate for
9 such purpose; and

10 “(II) the Commission of Fine
11 Arts; and

12 “(ii) reviewed by the Citizens Com-
13 memorative Coin Advisory Committee.

14 “(B) SELECTION AND APPROVAL PROC-
15 ESS.—Designs for quarter dollars may be sub-
16 mitted in accordance with the design selection
17 and approval process developed by the Sec-
18 retary in the sole discretion of the Secretary.

19 “(C) PARTICIPATION.—The Secretary may
20 include participation by District or territorial
21 officials, artists from the District of Columbia
22 or the territory, engravers of the United States
23 Mint, and members of the general public.

24 “(D) STANDARDS.—Because it is impor-
25 tant that the Nation’s coinage and currency

1 bear dignified designs of which the citizens of
2 the United States can be proud, the Secretary
3 shall not select any frivolous or inappropriate
4 design for any quarter dollar minted under this
5 subsection.

6 “(E) PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN REP-
7 RESENTATIONS.—No head and shoulders por-
8 trait or bust of any person, living or dead, and
9 no portrait of a living person may be included
10 in the design of any quarter dollar under this
11 subsection.

12 “(4) TREATMENT AS NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For
13 purposes of sections 5134 and 5136, all coins mint-
14 ed under this subsection shall be considered to be
15 numismatic items.

16 “(5) ISSUANCE.—

17 “(A) QUALITY OF COINS.—The Secretary
18 may mint and issue such number of quarter
19 dollars of each design selected under paragraph
20 (4) in uncirculated and proof qualities as the
21 Secretary determines to be appropriate.

22 “(B) SILVER COINS.—Notwithstanding
23 subsection (b), the Secretary may mint and
24 issue such number of quarter dollars of each
25 design selected under paragraph (4) as the Sec-

1 retary determines to be appropriate, with a con-
2 tent of 90 percent silver and 10 percent copper.

3 “(C) SOURCES OF BULLION.—The Sec-
4 retary shall obtain silver for minting coins
5 under subparagraph (B) from available re-
6 sources, including stockpiles established under
7 the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Pil-
8 ing Act.

9 “(D) TIMING AND ORDER OF ISSUANCE.—
10 Coins minted under this subsection commemo-
11 rating the District of Columbia and each of the
12 territories shall be issued in equal sequential in-
13 tervals during 2009 in the following order: the
14 District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of
15 Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the
16 United States Virgin Islands, and the Common-
17 wealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

18 “(6) OTHER PROVISIONS.—

19 “(A) APPLICATION IN EVENT OF ADMIS-
20 SION AS A STATE.—If the District of Columbia
21 or any territory becomes a State before the end
22 of the 10-year period referred to in subsection
23 (l)(1), subsection (l)(7) shall apply, and this
24 subsection shall not apply, with respect to such
25 State.

1 “(B) APPLICATION IN EVENT OF INDE-
2 PENDENCE.—If any territory becomes inde-
3 pendent or otherwise ceases to be a territory or
4 possession of the United States before quarter
5 dollars bearing designs which are emblematic of
6 such territory are minted pursuant to this sub-
7 section, this subsection shall cease to apply with
8 respect to such territory.

9 “(7) TERRITORY DEFINED.—For purposes of
10 this subsection, the term ‘territory’ means the Com-
11 monwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa,
12 the United States Virgin Islands, and the Common-
13 wealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.”.

Passed the House of Representatives September 18,
2000.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk.