

115TH CONGRESS
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S. 765

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 4, 2017

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

AN ACT

To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for penalties for the sale of any Purple Heart awarded to a member of the Armed Forces.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Private Corrado Piccoli
3 Purple Heart Preservation Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds the following:

6 (1) The Purple Heart medal solemnly recog-
7 nizes the great and sometimes ultimate sacrifice of
8 American servicemembers like Private Corrado
9 Piccoli.

10 (2) The Purple Heart medal holds a place of
11 honor as the national symbol of this sacrifice and
12 deserves special protections.

13 **SEC. 3. PENALTY FOR SALE OF PURPLE HEARTS AWARDED**
14 **TO MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

15 Section 704 of title 18, United States Code, is
16 amended—

17 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “Whoever”
18 and inserting “Except as provided in subsection (e),
19 whoever”; and

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

21 “(e) PURPLE HEART.—

22 “(1) PENALTY.—Whoever willfully purchases,
23 attempts to purchase, solicits for purchase, mails,
24 ships, imports, exports, produces blank certificates
25 of receipt for, manufactures, sells, attempts to sell,
26 advertises for sale, trades, barter, or exchanges for

1 anything of value any Purple Heart awarded to a
2 member of the armed forces or former member of
3 the armed forces by the Secretary of the military de-
4 partment concerned, except when authorized under
5 regulations made pursuant to law, shall be fined
6 under this title, imprisoned not more than 6 months,
7 or both.

8 “(2) LIMITATION ON REGULATIONS.—Regula-
9 tions described in paragraph (1) may not authorize
10 the sale of any Purple Heart awarded to a member
11 of the armed forces or former member of the armed
12 forces by the Secretary of the military department
13 concerned, unless the sale is conducted by the mem-
14 ber or former member to whom the Purple Heart
15 was awarded.

16 “(3) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
17 ‘willfully’ means the voluntary, intentional violation
18 of a known legal duty.”.

Passed the Senate August 3, 2017.

Attest:

JULIE E. ADAMS,

Secretary.