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# H. R. 5657

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 17, 2020

Mr. STEUBE (for himself, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. SPANO, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. ABRAHAM, and Mr. HUIZENGA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Religious Insignia on  
3 Dog Tags Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. RELIGIOUS INSIGNIA ON COMMERCIAL IDENTIFICA-**  
5 **TION TAGS.**

6       (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the  
7 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
8 shall review and update Department of Defense Directive  
9 5535.12 and any associated regulations to allow trade-  
10 marks owned or controlled by the Department of Defense  
11 to be combined with religious insignia on commercial iden-  
12 tification tags (commonly known as “dog tags”) and to  
13 be sold by lawful trademark licensees.

14       (b) RETROACTIVE EFFECTIVE DATE.—The update to  
15 the Directive under subsection (a) shall be deemed to have  
16 taken effect on September 13, 2013.

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