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H. R. 7778

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to prohibit misuse of the Department of Homeland Security seal, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 16, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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 “Department of Home-
5 land Security Seal Protection Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON MISUSE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF**
7 **HOMELAND SECURITY SEAL.**

8 Subsection (a) of section 875 of the Homeland Secu-
9 rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 455) is amended to read as
10 follows:

1 “(a) SEAL.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Department shall have
3 a seal, the design of which shall be subject to the
4 approval of the President.

5 “(2) PROTECTION OF SEAL.—Except with the
6 written permission of the Secretary, no person may
7 knowingly use the seal, or any colorable imitation
8 thereof, of the Department in a manner reasonably
9 calculated to convey the impression that the Depart-
10 ment or any organizational component or element of
11 the Department has approved, endorsed, or author-
12 ized such use.

13 “(3) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sub-
14 section may be construed to restrict the use of the
15 seal of the Department by officers and employees of
16 the Department in their course of their official du-
17 ties.

18 “(4) EXISTING DESIGN.—Notwithstanding
19 paragraph (1), nothing in this subsection renders
20 unlawful the use of any seal of the Department the
21 design of which was lawful as of the date of the en-
22 actment of this subsection.”.

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