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H. R. 7778

[Report No. 117–446]

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

JULY 28, 2022

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on May 16, 2022]

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Department of Homeland Security Seal Protection Act of 2022".

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

Subsection (a) of section 875 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 455) is amended to read as follows:

"(a) SEAL.—

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

"(2) PROTECTION OF SEAL.—Except with the written permission of the Secretary, no person may knowingly use the seal, or any colorable imitation thereof, of the Department in a manner reasonably calculated to convey the impression that the Department or any organizational component or element of the Department has approved, endorsed, or authorized such use.

"(3) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection may be construed to restrict the use of the seal of the Department by officers and employees of the Department in their course of their official duties.

"(4) EXISTING DESIGN.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), nothing in this subsection renders unlawful the use of any seal of the Department the design of which was lawful as of the date of the enactment of this subsection.".

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