

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 453

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 15, 2025

Mr. STEUBE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Armed Services

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 “Religious Insignia on
5 Dog Tags Act”.

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

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

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

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