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H. R. 595

To amend the Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act to make certain technical corrections to facilitate the lawful trade and collecting of numismatic materials.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 21, 2025

Ms. VAN DUYNE (for herself, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. AMODEI of Nevada, Mr. OWENS, and Ms. JACOBS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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. AMENDMENTS TO CONVENTION ON CULTURAL**
4 **PROPERTY IMPLEMENTATION ACT.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 302 of the Convention on
6 Cultural Property Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. 2601)
7 is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (8), (9), (10),
2 and (11) as paragraphs (9), (10), (11), and (12), re-
3 spectively; and

4 (2) by inserting after paragraph (7) the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(8) The term ‘numismatic material’ includes
7 coins, tokens, paper money, medals and related ob-
8 jects.”.

9 (b) IMPORT RESTRICTIONS.—Section 307 of the Con-
10 vention on Cultural Property Implementation Act (19
11 U.S.C. 2606) is amended—

12 (1) in subsection (b)—

13 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “; or” at
14 the end and inserting a comma;

15 (B) in paragraph (2)(B), by adding “or” at
16 the end; and

17 (C) by inserting after paragraph (2)(B) (as
18 amended) the following:

19 “(3) in the case of such material that is numis-
20 matic material, satisfactory evidence that the mate-
21 rial was acquired lawfully, is of a known type, and
22 is not known to be the direct product of illicit exca-
23 vations within a State Party,”;

24 (2) in subsection (c)—

1 (A) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “and”
2 at the end;

3 (B) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking the
4 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

5 (C) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(3) for purposes of subsection (b)(3), one or
7 more declarations under oath by the importer or the
8 person for whose account the material is imported,
9 stating that, to the best of his knowledge, the numis-
10 matic material—

11 “(A) was acquired lawfully in one or more
12 States Party;

13 “(B) was lawfully exported from a State
14 Party in which the numismatic material was ac-
15 quired;

16 “(C) is of a type known to exist in multiple
17 examples which has been published in a ref-
18 erence work on numismatics; and

19 “(D) is not known to be the direct product
20 of illicit excavations within another State Party
21 after the effective date for import restrictions
22 on numismatic material granted to that State
23 Party.”; and

24 (3) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(e) NO OTHER DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED.—The
2 customs officer reviewing the satisfactory evidence shall
3 not require any documentation or statements additional
4 to that which is set forth in subsection (c) unless the cus-
5 toms officer has probable cause based on documentary evi-
6 dence to believe that the satisfactory evidence is false or
7 fraudulent.”.

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