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# H. R. 7778

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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## 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”.

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

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

6 “(a) SEAL.—

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

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

18 “(3) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sub-  
19 section may be construed to restrict the use of the  
20 seal of the Department by officers and employees of  
21 the Department in their course of their official du-  
22 ties.

23 “(4) EXISTING DESIGN.—Notwithstanding  
24 paragraph (1), nothing in this subsection renders  
25 unlawful the use of any seal of the Department the

- 1 design of which was lawful as of the date of the en-
- 2 actment of this subsection.”.