

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 7778
OFFERED BY MR. THOMPSON OF MISSISSIPPI**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Department of Home-
3 land Security Seal Protection Act of 2022”.

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

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

9 “(a) SEAL.—

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

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

1 the Department has approved, endorsed, or author-
2 ized such use.

3 “(3) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sub-
4 section may be construed to restrict the use of the
5 seal of the Department by officers and employees of
6 the Department in their course of their official du-
7 ties.

8 “(4) EXISTING DESIGN.—Notwithstanding
9 paragraph (1), nothing in this subsection renders
10 unlawful the use of any seal of the Department the
11 design of which was lawful as of the date of the en-
12 actment of this subsection.”.

