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## AN ACT

To authorize the production of palladium bullion coins to  
provide affordable opportunities for investments in pre-  
cious metals, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “American Eagle Palla-  
3 dium Bullion Coin Act of 2010”.

4 **SEC. 2. PALLADIUM COIN.**

5       Section 5112 of title 31, United States Code, is  
6 amended—

7           (1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the  
8 following new paragraph;

9           “(12) A \$25 coin of an appropriate size and  
10 thickness, as determined by the Secretary, that  
11 weighs 1 troy ounce and contains .9995 fine palla-  
12 dium.”; and

13           (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
14 section:

15       “(v) PALLADIUM BULLION INVESTMENT COINS.—

16           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the submission  
17 to the Secretary and the Congress of a marketing  
18 study described in paragraph (8), beginning not  
19 more than 1 year after the submission of the study  
20 to the Secretary and the Congress, the Secretary  
21 shall mint and issue the palladium coins described in  
22 paragraph (12) of subsection (a) in such quantities  
23 as the Secretary may determine to be appropriate to  
24 meet demand.

25           “(2) SOURCE OF BULLION.—

1           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall  
2           acquire bullion for the palladium coins issued  
3           under this subsection by purchase of palladium  
4           mined from natural deposits in the United  
5           States, or in a territory or possession of the  
6           United States, within 1 year after the month in  
7           which the ore from which it is derived was  
8           mined. If no such palladium is available or if it  
9           is not economically feasible to obtain such palla-  
10          dium, the Secretary may obtain palladium for  
11          the palladium coins described in paragraph (12)  
12          of subsection (a) from other available sources.

13           “(B) PRICE OF BULLION.—The Secretary  
14          shall pay not more than the average world price  
15          for the palladium under subparagraph (A).

16           “(3) SALE OF COINS.—Each coin issued under  
17          this subsection shall be sold for an amount the Sec-  
18          retary determines to be appropriate, but not less  
19          than the sum of—

20           “(A) the market value of the bullion at the  
21          time of sale; and

22           “(B) the cost of designing and issuing the  
23          coins, including labor, materials, dies, use of  
24          machinery, overhead expenses, marketing, dis-  
25          tribution, and shipping.

1           “(4) TREATMENT.—For purposes of section  
2           5134 and 5136, all coins minted under this sub-  
3           section shall be considered to be numismatic items.

4           “(5) QUALITY.—The Secretary may issue the  
5           coins described in paragraph (1) in both proof and  
6           uncirculated versions, except that, should the Sec-  
7           retary determine that it is appropriate to issue proof  
8           or uncirculated versions of such coin, the Secretary  
9           shall, to the greatest extent possible, ensure that the  
10          surface treatment of each year’s proof or uncir-  
11          culated version differs in some material way from  
12          that of the preceding year.

13          “(6) DESIGN.—Coins minted and issued under  
14          this subsection shall bear designs on the obverse and  
15          reverse that are close likenesses of the work of  
16          famed American coin designer and medallist artist  
17          Adolph Alexander Weinman—

18                 “(A) the obverse shall bear a high-relief  
19                 likeness of the ‘Winged Liberty’ design used on  
20                 the obverse of the so-called ‘Mercury dime’;

21                 “(B) the reverse shall bear a high-relief  
22                 version of the reverse design of the 1907 Amer-  
23                 ican Institute of Architects medal; and

24                 “(C) the coin shall bear such other inscrip-  
25                 tions, including ‘Liberty’, ‘In God We Trust’,

1           ‘United States of America’, the denomination  
2           and weight of the coin and the fineness of the  
3           metal, as the Secretary determines to be appro-  
4           priate and in keeping with the original design.

5           “(7) MINT FACILITY.—Any United States mint,  
6           other than the United States Mint at West Point,  
7           New York, may be used to strike coins minted under  
8           this subsection other than any proof version of any  
9           such coin. If the Secretary determines that it is ap-  
10          propriate to issue any proof version of such coin,  
11          coins of such version shall be struck only at the  
12          United States Mint at West Point, New York.

13          “(8) MARKETING STUDY DEFINED.—The mar-  
14          ket study described in paragraph (1) means an anal-  
15          ysis of the market for palladium bullion investments  
16          conducted by a reputable, independent third party  
17          that demonstrates that there would be adequate de-  
18          mand for palladium bullion coins produced by the  
19          United States Mint to ensure that such coins could  
20          be minted and issued at no net cost to taxpayers.”.

21   **SEC. 3. BUDGETARY EFFECT.**

22          The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of  
23          complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,  
24          shall be determined by reference to the latest statement  
25          titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this

1 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record  
2 by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, pro-  
3 vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the  
4 vote on passage.

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2010.

Attest:

LORRAINE C. MILLER,

*Clerk.*