

113<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 2366

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## AN ACT

To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins  
in commemoration of the centennial of World War I.

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 “World War I American  
3 Veterans Centennial Commemorative Coin Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS; PURPOSE.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

6 (1) The year 2018 is the 100th anniversary of  
7 the signing of the armistice with Germany ending  
8 World War I battlefield hostilities.

9 (2) On the 6th of April 1917, the United States  
10 of America entered World War I by declaring war  
11 against Germany.

12 (3) Two million American soldiers served over-  
13 seas during World War I.

14 (4) More than four million men and women  
15 from the United States served in uniform during  
16 World War I.

17 (5) The events of 1914 through 1918 shaped  
18 the world and the lives of millions of people for dec-  
19 ades.

20 (6) Over 9 million soldiers worldwide lost their  
21 lives between 1914 and 1918.

22 (7) The centennial of America’s involvement in  
23 World War I offers an opportunity for people in the  
24 United States to commemorate the commitment of  
25 their predecessors.

1 (8) Frank Buckles, the last American veteran  
2 from World War I died on February 27, 2011.

3 (9) He was our last direct American link to the  
4 “war to end all wars”.

5 (10) While other great conflicts, including the  
6 Civil War, World War II, the Korean War, and the  
7 Vietnam War, have all been memorialized on United  
8 States commemorative coins, there currently exists  
9 no coin to honor the brave veterans of World War  
10 I.

11 (11) The 112th Congress established the World  
12 War I Centennial Commission to plan, develop, and  
13 execute programs, projects, and activities to com-  
14 memorate the centennial of World War I.

15 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to—

16 (1) commemorate the centennial of America’s  
17 involvement in World War I; and

18 (2) honor the over 4 million men and women  
19 from the United States who served during World  
20 War I.

21 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

22 (a) \$1 SILVER COINS.—The Secretary of the Treas-  
23 ury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”)  
24 shall mint and issue not more than 350,000 \$1 coins in

1 commemoration of the centennial of America’s involve-  
2 ment in World War I, each of which shall—

3 (1) weigh 26.73 grams;

4 (2) have a diameter of 1.500 inches (38.1 milli-  
5 meters); and

6 (3) contain 90 percent silver and 10 percent  
7 copper.

8 (b) **LEGAL TENDER.**—The coins minted under this  
9 Act shall be legal tender, as provided in section 5103 of  
10 title 31, United States Code.

11 (c) **NUMISMATIC ITEMS.**—For purposes of sections  
12 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins  
13 minted under this Act shall be considered to be numis-  
14 matic items.

15 **SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.**

16 (a) **DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.**—

17 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—The design of the coins  
18 minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the  
19 centennial of America’s involvement in World War I.

20 (2) **DESIGNATION AND INSCRIPTIONS.**—On  
21 each coin minted under this Act, there shall be—

22 (A) a designation of the value of the coin;

23 (B) an inscription of the year “2018”; and

1 (C) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”,  
2 “In God We Trust”, “United States of Amer-  
3 ica”, and “E Pluribus Unum”.

4 (b) SELECTION.—The design for the coins minted  
5 under this Act shall be selected by the Secretary based  
6 on the winning design from a juried, compensated design  
7 competition described under subsection (c).

8 (c) DESIGN COMPETITION.—The Secretary shall hold  
9 a competition and provide compensation for its winner to  
10 design the obverse and reverse of the coins minted under  
11 this Act. The competition shall be held in the following  
12 manner:

13 (1) The competition shall be judged by an ex-  
14 pert jury chaired by the Secretary and consisting of  
15 3 members from the Citizens Coinage Advisory Com-  
16 mittee who shall be elected by such Committee and  
17 3 members from the Commission of Fine Arts who  
18 shall be elected by such Commission.

19 (2) The Secretary shall determine compensation  
20 for the winning design, which shall be not less than  
21 \$5,000.

22 (3) The Secretary may not accept a design for  
23 the competition unless a plaster model accompanies  
24 the design.

1 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

2 (a) QUALITY OF COINS.—Coins minted under this  
3 Act shall be issued in uncirculated and proof qualities.

4 (b) MINT FACILITY.—Only one facility of the United  
5 States Mint may be used to strike any particular quality  
6 of the coins minted under this Act.

7 (c) PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may  
8 issue coins under this Act only during the calendar year  
9 beginning on January 1, 2018.

10 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

11 (a) SALE PRICE.—The coins issued under this Act  
12 shall be sold by the Secretary at a price equal to the sum  
13 of—

14 (1) the face value of the coins;

15 (2) the surcharge provided in section 7 with re-  
16 spect to such coins; and

17 (3) the cost of designing and issuing the coins  
18 (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery,  
19 overhead expenses, marketing, and shipping).

20 (b) BULK SALES.—The Secretary shall make bulk  
21 sales of the coins issued under this Act at a reasonable  
22 discount.

23 (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall accept  
25 prepaid orders for the coins minted under this Act  
26 before the issuance of such coins.

1           (2) DISCOUNT.—Sale prices with respect to pre-  
2           paid orders under paragraph (1) shall be at a rea-  
3           sonable discount.

4 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

5           (a) IN GENERAL.—All sales of coins issued under this  
6 Act shall include a surcharge of \$10 per coin.

7           (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f) of  
8 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges received by  
9 the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act  
10 shall be paid by the Secretary to the United States Foun-  
11 dation for the Commemoration of the World Wars, to as-  
12 sist the World War I Centennial Commission in commemo-  
13 rating the centenary of World War I.

14           (c) AUDITS.—The Comptroller General of the United  
15 States shall have the right to examine such books, records,  
16 documents, and other data of the United States Founda-  
17 tion for the Commemoration of the World Wars as may  
18 be related to the expenditures of amounts paid under sub-  
19 section (b).

20           (d) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a),  
21 no surcharge may be included with respect to the issuance  
22 under this Act of any coin during a calendar year if, as  
23 of the time of such issuance, the issuance of such coin  
24 would result in the number of commemorative coin pro-  
25 grams issued during such year to exceed the annual 2

1 commemorative coin program issuance limitation under  
2 section 5112(m)(1) of title 31, United States Code. The  
3 Secretary may issue guidance to carry out this subsection.

4 **SEC. 8. FINANCIAL ASSURANCES.**

5 The Secretary shall take such actions as may be nec-  
6 essary to ensure that—

7 (1) minting and issuing coins under this Act  
8 will not result in any net cost to the United States  
9 Government; and

10 (2) no funds, including applicable surcharges,  
11 shall be disbursed to any recipient designated in sec-  
12 tion 7 until the total cost of designing and issuing  
13 all of the coins authorized by this Act (including  
14 labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, overhead ex-  
15 penses, marketing, and shipping) is recovered by the  
16 United States Treasury, consistent with sections  
17 5112(m) and 5134(f) of title 31, United States  
18 Code.

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Attest:

*Clerk.*



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