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H. R. 4459

To amend title 31 to permit an alternative composition of the 5-cent coin and to eliminate the one-cent coin, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LUCAS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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 “Modernize and Im-
5 prove our National Tender Act of 2025” or the “MINT
6 Act of 2025”.

7 **SEC. 2. SPECIFICATIONS OF 5-CENT COINS AND ELIMI-**
8 **NATION OF ONE-CENT COINS.**

9 Section 5112 of title 31, United States Code, is
10 amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)—

2 (A) in paragraph (5), by striking “weighs
3 5 grams.” and inserting the following:
4 “weighs—

5 “(A) 5 grams, with respect to such coin
6 that is an alloy of copper and nickel; or

7 “(B) between 4 and 6 grams, with respect
8 to such coin as described in subsection (c).”;
9 and

10 (B) in paragraph (6)—

11 (i) by striking “except as provided
12 under subsection (c) of this section,”; and

13 (ii) by striking “weighs 3.11 grams”;

14 (2) in subsection (b)—

15 (A) in the sixth sentence—

16 (i) by inserting “either” before “an
17 alloy”; and

18 (ii) by inserting “or a composition de-
19 scribed in subsection (c)” before the pe-
20 riod;

21 (B) by inserting “with respect to such
22 coins that are an alloy of copper and nickel”
23 after “nickel required”; and

1 (C) by striking “Except” through “zinc”
2 and inserting “The one-cent coin is composed of
3 copper and zinc”;

4 (3) by amending subsection (c) to read as fol-
5 lows:

6 “(c) 5-CENT COIN.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The 5-cent coin may be a
8 coin with an inner layer of zinc and an outer layer
9 of nickel.

10 “(2) COMPOSITION.—The Secretary may pre-
11 scribe the composition of zinc and nickel in the 5-
12 cent coin, subject to testing and evaluation that such
13 composition reduces the cost incurred to produce
14 such coin.”; and

15 (4) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(bb) ELIMINATION OF ONE-CENT COIN.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
18 provision of law, the Secretary shall cease production
19 of one-cent coins, but may continue to produce and
20 issue one-cent coins for sale as numismatic items.

21 “(2) NO EFFECT ON LEGAL TENDER.—Any
22 one-cent coin that is minted and issued on any date
23 before the date of the enactment of this subsection

1 shall remain legal tender for all debts, public
2 charges, taxes, and dues.”.

