

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5616

AN ACT

To amend title 31, United States Code, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue \$2.50 numismatic coins, 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 “\$2.50 for America’s
3 250th Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds the following:

6 (1) The 250th anniversary of the signing of the
7 Declaration of Independence was a turning point in
8 the history of the United States and the world that
9 warrants national recognition.

10 (2) The 68th Congress celebrated this fact by
11 authorizing the United States Mint to commemorate
12 the 150th anniversary of American independence by
13 issuing \$2.50 coins.

14 (3) The issuance of a \$2.50 anniversary coin
15 for the 250th anniversary serves as a historically
16 grounded continuation of this numismatic tradition
17 and connects Americans today with a legacy of na-
18 tional celebration through coinage.

19 (4) The design and distribution of this coin
20 offer a unique and accessible opportunity for the
21 American people to engage with and take personal
22 ownership of their national heritage through a tan-
23 gible and lasting tribute.

24 (5) Every citizen deserves the opportunity to
25 acquire such a coin as a means to connect to the

1 founding principles of liberty, democracy, and self-
2 governance.

3 (6) In addition to the congressionally author-
4 ized activities already planned by the mint, this new
5 anniversary coin will serve not only as a lasting trib-
6 ute to the founding generation and the ideals we
7 share with them to this day, but also as a unifying
8 and educational gesture on the occasion of the
9 semiquincentennial.

10 **SEC. 3. MINTING AND ISSUING OF \$2.50 NUMISMATIC**
11 **COINS.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5112 of title 31, United
13 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
14 lowing:

15 “(bb) NUMISMATIC \$2.50 COIN.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may mint
17 and issue—

18 “(A) not more than 100,000 \$2.50 numis-
19 matic coins, each of which shall weigh 4.1795
20 grams, have a diameter of 0.425 inches, and
21 contain not less than 90 percent gold;

22 “(B) not more than 300,000 \$2.50 numis-
23 matic coins, each of which shall weigh 26.73
24 grams, have a diameter of 1.5 inches, and con-
25 tain not less than 90 percent silver; and

“(C) not more than 750,000 \$2.50 numismatic coins, each of which shall weigh 11.34 grams, have a diameter of 1.205 inches, and be minted to the specifications for half-dollar coins contained in section 5112(b) of title 31, United States Code.

“(2) DESIGN.—

“(A) OBVERSE.—The obverse design of any coin minted and issued under this subsection shall, during the 2-year period beginning on the date the Secretary issues any coin under this subsection, bear the image of allegorical liberty wielding the Declaration of Independence featured on the gold \$2.50 Sesquicentennial Coin issued in 1926.

“(B) REVERSE.—The reverse design of any coin minted and issued under this subsection shall, during the 2-year period beginning on the date the Secretary issues any coin under this subsection, bear the image of Independence Hall featured on the gold \$2.50 Sesquicentennial Coin issued in 1926.

“(C) ADDITIONAL INSCRIPTIONS.—During the 2-year period beginning on the date the Secretary issues any coin under this subsection,

1 each coin minted and issued under this sub-
2 section shall bear the inscriptions
3 ‘Semiquincentennial of the United States’ and
4 ‘1776–2026’.”.

5 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the
6 Congress that the numismatic coins described in section
7 5112(bb) of title 31, United States Code, should be minted
8 and issued not later than July 4, 2026, or as soon as it
9 is technically and economically feasible.

10 **SEC. 4. STUDY AND REPORT.**

11 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of the Treasury, acting
12 through the Director of the United States Mint shall con-
13 duct a comprehensive study to evaluate the feasibility,
14 practicality, and potential public benefits of minting and
15 issuing a \$2.50 coin for wide circulation in the United
16 States.

17 (b) REPORT.—The Secretary of the Treasury, acting
18 through the Director of the United States Mint shall, not
19 later than September 15, 2026, submit a report to the
20 Committee on Financial Services of the House of Rep-
21 resentatives and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and
22 Urban Affairs of the Senate about the study carried out
23 under subsection (a) that includes—

24 (1) an analysis of the historical use of the
25 \$2.50 denomination;

1 (2) projected production costs associated with
2 minting and issuing a \$2.50 coin for wide circula-
3 tion;

4 (3) the cost-effectiveness of minting and issuing
5 a \$2.50 coin for wide circulation when compared to
6 the costs associated with minting and issuing other
7 coins;

8 (4) an evaluation of potential benefits to com-
9 merce, coin handling, and transaction efficiency that
10 would be associated with the minting and issuing a
11 \$2.50 coin for wide circulation;

12 (5) proposed physical characteristics of a \$2.50
13 coin, including—

14 (A) composition;

15 (B) weight;

16 (C) diameter; and

17 (D) design features to distinguish the
18 \$2.50 coin from existing coins;

19 (6) a description of the ways in which the Sec-
20 retary consulted with stakeholders, including com-
21 mercial banks, cash-handling businesses, consumer
22 groups, and vending and transit industries;

23 (7) an analysis that estimates the potential sei-
24 gniorage associated with a widely circulated \$2.50
25 coin; and

1 (8) a plan that could be followed to mint and
2 issue a \$2.50 coin that includes—

3 (A) coordination with the Federal Reserve
4 System and financial institutions;

5 (B) a test production phase; and

6 (C) an initial phased circulation.

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Attest:

Clerk.

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