

units at Fort DeRussy, Hawaii, at any location other than Fort DeRussy.

Citation of  
title.

SEC. 704. This title may be cited as the "Reserve Forces Facilities Authorization Act, 1974".

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AN ACT

To require that reproductions and imitations of coins and political items be marked as copies or with the date of manufacture.

Hobby Protec-  
tion Act.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That this Act may be cited as the "Hobby Protection Act".

MARKING REQUIREMENTS

SEC. 2. (a) **POLITICAL ITEMS.**—The manufacture in the United States, or the importation into the United States, for introduction into or distribution in commerce of any imitation political item which is not plainly and permanently marked with the calendar year in which such item was manufactured, is unlawful and is an unfair or deceptive act or practice in commerce under the Federal Trade Commission Act.

38 Stat. 717.  
15 USC 58.

(b) **COINS AND OTHER NUMISMATIC ITEMS.**—The manufacture in the United States, or the importation into the United States, for introduction into or distribution in commerce of any imitation numismatic item which is not plainly and permanently marked "copy", is unlawful and is an unfair or deceptive act or practice in commerce under the Federal Trade Commission Act.

(c) **REGULATIONS.**—The Federal Trade Commission shall prescribe rules for determining the manner and form in which items described in subsection (a) or (b) shall be permanently marked.

(d) **EXEMPTION.**—Subsections (a) and (b), and regulations under subsection (c), shall not apply to any common carrier or contract carrier or freight forwarder with respect to an imitation political item or imitation numismatic item received, shipped, delivered, or handled by it for shipment in the ordinary course of its business.

PRIVATE ENFORCEMENT

SEC. 3. If any person violates section 2 (a) or (b) or a rule under section 2(c), any interested person may commence a civil action for injunctive relief restraining such violation, and for damages, in any United States District Court for a district in which the defendant resides or has an agent. In any such action, the court may award the costs of the suit, including reasonable attorneys' fees.

ENFORCEMENT BY FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

SEC. 4. (a) Except as provided in section 3, this Act shall be enforced by the Federal Trade Commission under the Federal Trade Commission Act.

(b) The Commission shall prevent any person from violating the provisions of this Act in the same manner, by the same means, and with the same jurisdiction, powers, and duties as though all applicable terms and provisions of the Federal Trade Commission Act were incorporated into and made a part of this Act; and any such person violating the provisions of this Act shall be subject to the penalties and entitled to the privileges and immunities provided in said Federal Trade Commission Act, in the same manner, by the same means, and with the same jurisdiction, powers, and duties as though the applicable terms and provisions of the said Federal Trade Commission Act were incorporated into and made a part of this Act.

#### IMPORTS

SEC. 5. Any item imported into the United States in violation of section 2 (a) or (b) or regulations under section 2(c) shall be subject to seizure and forfeiture under the customs laws.

#### APPLICATION OF OTHER LAW

SEC. 6. The provisions of this Act are in addition to, and not in substitution for or limitation of, the provisions of any other law of the United States or of the law of any State.

#### DEFINITIONS

SEC. 7. For purposes of this Act:

(1) The term "original political item" means any political button, poster, literature, sticker, or any advertisement produced for use in any political cause.

(2) The term "imitation political item" means an item which purports to be, but in fact is not, an original political item, or which is a reproduction, copy, or counterfeit of an original political item.

(3) The term "original numismatic item" means anything which has been a part of a coinage or issue which has been used in exchange or has been used to commemorate a person or event. Such term includes coins, tokens, paper money, and commemorative medals.

(4) The term "imitation numismatic item" means an item which purports to be, but in fact is not, an original numismatic item or which is a reproduction, copy, or counterfeit of an original numismatic item.

(5) The term "commerce" has the same meaning as such term has under the Federal Trade Commission Act.

(6) The term "Commission" means the Federal Trade Commission.

(7) The term "United States" means the States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

SEC. 8. This Act shall apply only to imitation political items and imitation numismatic items manufactured after the date of enactment of this Act.

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