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H. R. 4688

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCGOVERN (for himself, Mr. WEYGAND, Mrs. THURMAN, and Mr. PALLONE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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. MARKING OF IMPORTED JEWELRY.**

4 (a) MARKING REQUIREMENT.—By no later than the
5 date that is 1 year after the date of enactment of this
6 Act, the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe and im-
7 plement regulations that require that all jewelry described
8 in subsection (b) that enters the customs territory of the
9 United States have the English name of the country of
10 origin indelibly marked in a conspicuous place on such

1 jewelry by cutting, die-sinking, engraving, stamping, or
2 some other permanent method. The exceptions from mark-
3 ing requirements provided in section 304 of the Tariff Act
4 of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1304) shall not apply to jewelry de-
5 scribed in this section.

6 (b) JEWELRY.—The jewelry described in this sub-
7 section means any article described in heading 7117 of
8 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States.

9 (c) DEFINITION.—As used in this section, the term
10 “enters the customs territory of the United States” means
11 enters, or is withdrawn from warehouse for consumption,
12 in the customs territory of the United States.

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