

105TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 1107

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 31, 1997

Mr. COVERDELL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

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## 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 “Double Postage Rule  
5       Elimination Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF THE DOUBLE POSTAGE RULE.**

7       Section 601(a) of title 39, United States Code, is  
8       amended to read as follows:

9       “(a) A letter may be carried out of the mails, if—

1           “(1) the amount paid for private carriage of the  
2 letter is \$2.00 or more;

3           “(2) the letter is enclosed in an envelope;

4           “(3) the amount of postage which would have  
5 been charged on the letter if it had been sent by  
6 mail is paid by stamps, or postage meter stamps, on  
7 the envelope;

8           “(4) the envelope is properly addressed;

9           “(5) the envelope is so sealed that the letter  
10 cannot be taken from it without defacing the enve-  
11 lope;

12           “(6) any stamps on the envelope are canceled in  
13 ink by the sender; and

14           “(7) the date of the letter, of its transmission,  
15 or receipt by the carrier is endorsed on the envelope  
16 in ink.”.

17 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

18       The amendment made by this Act shall take effect  
19 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

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