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# H. R. 762

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOLT (for himself, Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. SWEENEY, and Mr. SOUDER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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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 “Revolutionary War and  
5 War of 1812 Battlefields Commemorative Coin Act of  
6 2005”.

7 **SEC. 2. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

8 (a) DENOMINATIONS.—In commemoration of the  
9 Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, the Secretary

1 of the Treasury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the  
2 “Secretary”) shall mint and issue the following coins:

3 (1) \$5 GOLD COINS.—Not more than 300,000  
4 \$5 coins, which shall—

5 (A) weigh 8.359 grams;

6 (B) have a diameter of 0.850 inches; and

7 (C) contain 90 percent gold and 10 percent  
8 alloy.

9 (2) \$1 SILVER COINS.—Not more than  
10 1,000,000 \$1 coins, which shall—

11 (A) weigh 26.73 grams;

12 (B) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and

13 (C) contain 90 percent silver and 10 per-  
14 cent copper.

15 (3) HALF DOLLAR CLAD COINS.—Not more  
16 than 2,000,000 half dollar coins which shall be mint-  
17 ed to the specifications for half dollar coins con-  
18 tained in section 5112(b) of title 31, United States  
19 Code.

20 (b) LEGAL TENDER.—The coins minted under this  
21 Act shall be legal tender, as provided in section 5103 of  
22 title 31, United States Code.

23 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections  
24 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins

1 minted under this Act shall be considered to be numis-  
2 matic items.

3 **SEC. 3. DESIGN OF COINS.**

4 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins  
6 minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the  
7 Revolutionary War and the War of 1812.

8 (2) DESIGNATION AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On  
9 each coin minted under this Act there shall be—

10 (A) a designation of the value of the coin;

11 (B) an inscription of the year “2007”; and

12 (C) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”,  
13 “In God We Trust”, “United States of Amer-  
14 ica”, and “E Pluribus Unum”.

15 (b) SELECTION.—The design for the coins minted  
16 under this Act shall be—

17 (1) selected by the Secretary after consultation  
18 with the Commission of Fine Arts, and the Revolu-  
19 tionary War and the War of 1812 Battlefields Foun-  
20 dation (hereafter in this Act referred to as the  
21 “Foundation”); and

22 (2) reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advisory  
23 Committee.

1 **SEC. 4. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

2 (a) QUALITY OF COINS.—Coins minted under this  
3 Act shall be issued in uncirculated and proof qualities.

4 (b) MINT FACILITY.—Only 1 facility of the United  
5 States Mint may be used to strike any particular quality  
6 of the coins minted under this Act.

7 (c) PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may  
8 issue coins minted under this Act only during the 1-year  
9 period beginning on January 1, 2007.

10 **SEC. 5. SALE OF COINS.**

11 (a) SALE PRICE.—The coins issued under this Act  
12 shall be sold by the Secretary at a price equal to the sum  
13 of—

14 (1) the face value of the coins;

15 (2) the surcharge provided in section 6(a) with  
16 respect to such coins; and

17 (3) the cost of designing and issuing the coins  
18 (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery,  
19 overhead expenses, marketing, and shipping).

20 (b) BULK SALES.—The Secretary shall make bulk  
21 sales of the coins issued under this Act at a reasonable  
22 discount.

23 (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall accept  
25 prepaid orders for the coins minted under this Act  
26 before the issuance of such coins.

1           (2) DISCOUNT.—Sale prices with respect to pre-  
2           paid orders under paragraph (1) shall be at a rea-  
3           sonable discount.

4           (d) MARKETING.—The Secretary, in cooperation with  
5           the Foundation, shall develop and implement a marketing  
6           program to promote and sell the coins authorized under  
7           this Act both within the United States and internationally.

8           **SEC. 6. SURCHARGES.**

9           (a) IN GENERAL.—All sales of coins minted under  
10          this Act shall include a surcharge as follows:

11           (1) A surcharge of \$35 per coin for the \$5 coin.

12           (2) A surcharge of \$10 per coin for the \$1 coin.

13           (3) A surcharge of \$3 per coin for the half dol-  
14          lar coin.

15          (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f) of  
16          title 31, United States Code, all surcharges received by  
17          the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act  
18          shall be promptly paid by the Secretary to the Foundation  
19          for purposes of the preservation of historically significant  
20          battlefields of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812  
21          and related historical sites.

22          (c) AUDITS.—The Foundation shall be subject to the  
23          audit requirements of section 5134(f)(2) of title 31,

- 1 United States Code, with regard to the amounts received
- 2 by the Fund under subsection (b).

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