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AN ACT

To provide for a circulating quarter dollar coin program to honor the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, 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 “District of Columbia
3 and United States Territories Circulating Quarter Dollar
4 Program Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. ISSUANCE OF REDESIGNED QUARTER DOLLARS**

6 **HONORING THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND**
7 **EACH OF THE TERRITORIES.**

8 Section 5112 of title 31, United States Code, is
9 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
10 section:

11 “(r) REDESIGN AND ISSUANCE OF CIRCULATING
12 QUARTER DOLLAR HONORING THE DISTRICT OF COLUM-
13 BIA AND EACH OF THE TERRITORIES.—

14 “(1) REDESIGN IN 2009.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the
16 fourth sentence of subsection (d)(1) and sub-
17 section (d)(2) and subject to paragraph (6)(B),
18 quarter dollar coins issued during 2009, shall
19 have designs on the reverse side selected in ac-
20 cordance with this subsection which are em-
21 blematic of the District of Columbia and the
22 territories.

23 “(B) FLEXIBILITY WITH REGARD TO
24 PLACEMENT OF INSCRIPTIONS.—Notwith-
25 standing subsection (d)(1), the Secretary may

1 select a design for quarter dollars issued during
2 2009 in which—

3 “(i) the inscription described in the
4 second sentence of subsection (d)(1) ap-
5 pears on the reverse side of any such quar-
6 ter dollars; and

7 “(ii) any inscription described in the
8 third sentence of subsection (d)(1) or the
9 designation of the value of the coin ap-
10 pears on the obverse side of any such quar-
11 ter dollars.

12 “(2) SINGLE DISTRICT OR TERRITORY DE-
13 SIGN.—The design on the reverse side of each quar-
14 ter dollar issued during 2009 shall be emblematic of
15 one of the following: The District of Columbia, the
16 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American
17 Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the
18 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

19 “(3) SELECTION OF DESIGN.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each of the 6 designs
21 required under this subsection for quarter dol-
22 lars shall be—

23 “(i) selected by the Secretary after
24 consultation with—

1 “(I) the chief executive of the
2 District of Columbia or the territory
3 being honored, or such other officials
4 or group as the chief executive officer
5 of the District of Columbia or the ter-
6 ritory may designate for such purpose;
7 and

8 “(II) the Commission of Fine
9 Arts; and

10 “(ii) reviewed by the Citizens Coinage
11 Advisory Committee.

12 “(B) SELECTION AND APPROVAL PROC-
13 ESS.—Designs for quarter dollars may be sub-
14 mitted in accordance with the design selection
15 and approval process developed by the Sec-
16 retary in the sole discretion of the Secretary.

17 “(C) PARTICIPATION.—The Secretary may
18 include participation by District or territorial
19 officials, artists from the District of Columbia
20 or the territory, engravers of the United States
21 Mint, and members of the general public.

22 “(D) STANDARDS.—Because it is impor-
23 tant that the Nation’s coinage and currency
24 bear dignified designs of which the citizens of
25 the United States can be proud, the Secretary

1 shall not select any frivolous or inappropriate
2 design for any quarter dollar minted under this
3 subsection.

4 “(E) PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN REP-
5 RESENTATIONS.—No head and shoulders por-
6 trait or bust of any person, living or dead, and
7 no portrait of a living person may be included
8 in the design of any quarter dollar under this
9 subsection.

10 “(4) TREATMENT AS NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For
11 purposes of sections 5134 and 5136, all coins mint-
12 ed under this subsection shall be considered to be
13 numismatic items.

14 “(5) ISSUANCE.—

15 “(A) QUALITY OF COINS.—The Secretary
16 may mint and issue such number of quarter
17 dollars of each design selected under paragraph
18 (4) in uncirculated and proof qualities as the
19 Secretary determines to be appropriate.

20 “(B) SILVER COINS.—Notwithstanding
21 subsection (b), the Secretary may mint and
22 issue such number of quarter dollars of each
23 design selected under paragraph (4) as the Sec-
24 retary determines to be appropriate, with a con-
25 tent of 90 percent silver and 10 percent copper.

“(C) TIMING AND ORDER OF ISSUANCE.—

Coins minted under this subsection honoring the District of Columbia and each of the territories shall be issued in equal sequential intervals during 2009 in the following order: the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

“(6) OTHER PROVISIONS.—

“(A) APPLICATION IN EVENT OF ADMISSION AS A STATE.—If the District of Columbia or any territory becomes a State before the end of the 10-year period referred to in subsection (l)(1), subsection (l)(7) shall apply, and this subsection shall not apply, with respect to such State.

“(B) APPLICATION IN EVENT OF INDEPENDENCE.—If any territory becomes independent or otherwise ceases to be a territory or possession of the United States before quarter dollars bearing designs which are emblematic of such territory are minted pursuant to this subsection, this subsection shall cease to apply with respect to such territory.

1 “(7) TERRITORY DEFINED.—For purposes of
2 this subsection, the term ‘territory’ means the Com-
3 monwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa,
4 the United States Virgin Islands, and the Common-
5 wealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.”.

 Passed the House of Representatives January 23,
2007.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.