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# S. 3597

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2012

Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. WYDEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## A BILL

To amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to increase and adjust for inflation the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Low Value Shipment  
5 Regulatory Modernization Act of 2012”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN AND ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION OF**  
 2 **MAXIMUM VALUE OF ARTICLES THAT MAY BE**  
 3 **IMPORTED DUTY-FREE BY ONE PERSON ON**  
 4 **ONE DAY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 321 of the Tariff Act of  
 6 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1321) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)(2), by striking subpara-  
 8 graph (C) and inserting the following:

9 “(C) in any other case, the dollar amount  
 10 specified in subsection (c).”; and

11 (2) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(c) ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT OF VALUE OF ARTICLES  
 13 THAT MAY ENTER DUTY-FREE.—

14 “(1) DOLLAR AMOUNT SPECIFIED.—The dollar  
 15 amount specified in this subsection is—

16 “(A) for calendar year 2013, \$800; and

17 “(B) subject to paragraph (2), for any cal-  
 18 endar year after calendar year 2013, an amount  
 19 equal to \$800 increased by an amount equal  
 20 to—

21 “(i) \$800, multiplied by

22 “(ii) the percentage of the increase (if  
 23 any) in the Consumer Price Index for the  
 24 preceding calendar year compared to the  
 25 Consumer Price Index for calendar year  
 26 2012.

1           “(2) ROUNDING.—Any increase under para-  
 2           graph (1) of the dollar amount specified in this sub-  
 3           section shall be rounded to the nearest increment of  
 4           \$50.

5           “(3) CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ANY CAL-  
 6           ENDAR YEAR.—For purposes of this subsection, the  
 7           Consumer Price Index for any calendar year is the  
 8           average of the Consumer Price Index as of the close  
 9           of the 12-month period ending on September 30 of  
 10          that calendar year.

11          “(4) CONSUMER PRICE INDEX DEFINED.—For  
 12          purposes of this subsection, the term ‘Consumer  
 13          Price Index’ means the last Consumer Price Index  
 14          for All Urban Consumers published by the Bureau  
 15          of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor.”.

16          (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
 17          this section apply to articles entered, or withdrawn from  
 18          warehouse for consumption, on or after January 1, 2013.

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