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# S. 3068

To require the purchase of domestically made flags of the United States of America for use by the Federal Government.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 14, 2018

Mr. BROWN (for himself and Ms. COLLINS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3   **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “All-American Flag Act”.

6   **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT FOR AGENCIES TO BUY DOMESTICALLY MADE UNITED STATES FLAGS.**

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8       (a) REQUIREMENT.—

1                             (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 63 of title 41,  
2                             United States Code, is amended by adding at the  
3                             end the following:

4                             **§ 6310. Requirement for agencies to buy domesti-**  
5                             **cally made United States flags**

6                             “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7                             “(1) AGENCY.—The term ‘agency’ has the  
8                             meaning given the term ‘executive agency’ in section  
9                             102 of title 40.

10                            “(2) SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITION THRESHOLD.—  
11                             The term ‘simplified acquisition threshold’ has the  
12                             meaning given the term in section 134.

13                            “(b) REQUIREMENT.—Except as provided in sub-  
14                             sections (c), (d), and (e), funds appropriated or otherwise  
15                             made available to an agency may not be used for the pro-  
16                             curement of any flag of the United States, unless the flag  
17                             has been 100 percent manufactured in the United States  
18                             from articles, materials, or supplies that have been grown  
19                             or 100 percent produced or manufactured in the United  
20                             States.

21                            “(c) AVAILABILITY EXCEPTION.—Subsection (b)  
22                             shall not apply to an agency to the extent that the head  
23                             of the agency determines that satisfactory quality and suf-  
24                             ficient quantity of a flag described in such subsection can-

1 not be procured as and when needed at United States  
2 market prices.

3       “(d) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN PROCUREMENTS.—

4 Subsection (b) shall not apply to—

5           “(1) a procurement by a vessel in foreign  
6 waters;

7           “(2) a procurement for resale purposes in any  
8 military commissary, military exchange, gift shop, or  
9 nonappropriated fund instrumentality operated by  
10 an agency; or

11          “(3) a procurement for amounts less than the  
12 simplified acquisition threshold.

13       “(e) PRESIDENTIAL WAIVER.—

14          “(1) IN GENERAL.—The President may waive  
15 the requirement in subsection (b) if the President  
16 determines that a waiver is necessary to comply with  
17 any trade agreement to which the United States is  
18 a party.

19          “(2) NOTICE OF WAIVER.—Not later than 30  
20 days after the date on which the President grants a  
21 waiver under paragraph (1), the President shall pub-  
22 lish notice of the waiver in the Federal Register.”.

23          (2) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMEND-  
24 MENT.—The table of sections for chapter 63 of title

1       41, United States Code, is amended by adding at  
2       the end the following:

“6310. Requirement for agencies to buy domestically made United States flags.”.

3       (b) APPLICABILITY.—Section 6310 of title 41, United  
4       States Code, as added by subsection (a)(1), shall apply  
5       with respect to any contract entered into on or after the  
6       date that is 180 days after the date of enactment of this  
7       Act.

