

Public Law 90-353

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[H. R. 15972]

AN ACT

To permit black and white or color reproductions of United States and foreign postage stamps under certain circumstances, and for other purposes.

U.S. and foreign
postage stamps.
Reproductions.
72 Stat. 1771.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That paragraph (1) of section 504 of title 18, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(1) the printing, publishing, or importation, or the making or importation of the necessary plates for such printing or publishing, of illustrations of—

“(A) postage stamps of the United States,

“(B) revenue stamps of the United States,

“(C) any other obligation or other security of the United States, and

“(D) postage stamps, revenue stamps, notes, bonds, and any other obligation or other security of any foreign government, bank, or corporation,

for philatelic, numismatic, educational, historical, or newsworthy purposes in articles, books, journals, newspapers, or albums (but not for advertising purposes, except illustrations of stamps and paper money in philatelic or numismatic advertising of legitimate numismatists and dealers in stamps or publishers of or dealers in philatelic or numismatic articles, books, journals, newspapers, or albums). Illustrations permitted by the foregoing provisions of this section shall be made in accordance with the following conditions—

“(i) all illustrations shall be in black and white, except that illustrations of postage stamps issued by the United States or by any foreign government may be in color;

“(ii) all illustrations (including illustrations of uncanceled postage stamps in color) shall be of a size less than three-fourths or more than one and one-half, in linear dimension, of each part of any matter so illustrated which is covered by subparagraph (A), (B), (C), or (D) of this paragraph, except that black and white illustrations of postage and revenue stamps issued by the United States or by any foreign government and colored illustrations of canceled postage stamps issued by the United States may be in the exact linear dimension in which the stamps were issued; and

“(iii) the negatives and plates used in making the illustrations shall be destroyed after their final use in accordance with this section.”

SEC. 2. (a) The table of contents of chapter 31 of title 39, United States Code, is amended by striking out—

“2506. Printing of black-and-white illustrations of United States stamps.”

and inserting in lieu thereof—

“2506. Printing of black-and-white or color illustrations of United States stamps.”

(b) The section heading of section 2506 of title 39, United States Code, is amended to read—

“§ 2506. Printing of black-and-white or color illustrations of United States stamps”

(c) Section 2506(a) of title 39, United States Code, is amended by inserting “or in color” immediately following the words “in black and white”.

Approved June 20, 1968.