

Public Law 91-366

July 31, 1970
[S. 1046]

AN ACT

To protect consumers by providing a civil remedy for misrepresentation of the quality of articles composed in whole or in part of gold or silver and for other purposes.

Gold and silver
articles,
Consumer pro-
tection.

75 Stat. 775.
Civil injunctive
relief.
15 USC 298.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act forbidding the importation, exportation, or carriage in interstate commerce of falsely stamped articles of merchandise made of gold or silver or their alloys, and for other purposes", approved June 13, 1906 (34 Stat. 260), as amended October 4, 1961 (75 Stat. 776; 15 U.S.C. 294 et seq.), is amended by—

(a) Inserting immediately after the section number "SEC. 5." the subsection designation "(a)".

(b) Adding at the end of the newly designated subsection "SEC. 5. (a)" the following new subsections:

"(b) Any competitor, customer, or competitor of a customer of any person in violation of section 1, 2, 3, or 4 of this Act, or any subsequent purchaser of an article of merchandise which has been the subject of a violation of section 1, 2, 3, or 4 of this Act, shall be entitled to injunctive relief restraining further violation of this Act and may sue therefor in any district court of the United States in the district in which the defendant resides or has an agent, without respect to the amount in controversy, and shall recover damages and the cost of suit, including a reasonable attorney's fee.

"(c) Any duly organized and existing jewelry trade association shall be entitled to injunctive relief restraining any person in violation of section 1, 2, 3, or 4 of this Act from further violation of this Act and may sue therefor as the real party in interest in any district court of the United States in the district in which the defendant resides or has an agent, without respect to the amount in controversy, and if successful shall recover the cost of suit, including a reasonable attorney's fee. If the court determines that the action has been brought frivolously, for purposes of harassment, or in implementation of any scheme in restraint of trade, it may award punitive damages to the defendant.

"(d) Any defendant against whom a civil action is brought under the provisions of this Act shall be entitled to recover the cost of defending the suit, including a reasonable attorney's fee, in the event such action is terminated without a finding by the court that such defendant is or has been in violation of this Act.

"(e) The district courts shall have exclusive original jurisdiction of any civil action arising under the provisions of this Act."

(c) Inserting immediately after the section number "SEC. 6." the subsection designation "(a)".

(d) Adding at the end of the newly designated subsection "SEC. 6. (a)" the following new subsections:

"(b) The term 'person' means an individual, partnership, corporation, or any other form of business enterprise, capable of being in violation of this Act.

"(c) The term 'jewelry trade association' means an organization, consisting primarily of persons actively engaged in the jewelry or a related business, the purposes and activities of which are primarily directed to the improvement of business conditions in the jewelry or related businesses."

Costs, re-
covery.

15 USC 299.

"Person."

"Jewelry trade
association."

(e) Changing paragraph (A), subsection (b), of section 4 to read as follows:

75 Stat. 775.
15 USC 297.

“(A) Apply or cause to be applied to that article a trademark of such person, which has been duly registered or applied for registration under the laws of the United States within thirty days after an article bearing the trademark is placed in commerce or imported into the United States, or the name of such person; and”.

SEC. 2. If any provision of this Act or any amendment made thereby, or the application thereof to any person, as that term is herein defined, is held invalid, the remainder of the Act or amendment and the application of the remaining provisions of the Act or amendment to any person shall not be affected thereby.

SEC. 3. The provisions of this Act and amendments made thereby shall be held to be in addition to, and not in substitution for or limitation of, the provisions of any other Act of the United States.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect three months after enactment.

Effective date.

Approved July 31, 1970.

Public Law 91-367

AN ACT

To amend the 1964 amendments to the Alaska Omnibus Act.

July 31, 1970
[S. 778]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first sentence of section 5 of the 1964 amendments to the Alaska Omnibus Act (78 Stat. 505) is amended by striking out the period and inserting in lieu thereof the following: “, except that any sums so appropriated to carry out section 53 of the Alaska Omnibus Act shall be available after such date for obligation in connection with one or more of the following urban renewal projects authorized for execution prior to June 30, 1967: Alaska R-8, Westchester; Alaska R-19, Kodiak; Alaska R-20, downtown Anchorage; Alaska R-21, Seward; Alaska R-22, Valdez; Alaska R-25, Mineral Creek; Alaska R-26, Seldovia; Alaska R-28, Cordova.”

1964 Amend-
ments to the
Alaska Omnibus
Act, amendments.
48 USC prec. 21
note.

SEC. 2. Section 6 of the 1964 amendments to the Alaska Omnibus Act is amended to read as follows:

“TERMINATION DATE

“SEC. 6. The authority contained in this Act shall expire on June 30, 1967, except that such expiration shall not affect—

“(1) the authority conferred by section 53 of the Alaska Omnibus Act until the completion of the following urban renewal projects authorized for execution prior to June 30, 1967: Alaska R-8, Westchester; Alaska R-19, Kodiak; Alaska R-20, downtown Anchorage; Alaska R-21, Seward; Alaska R-22, Valdez; Alaska R-25, Mineral Creek; Alaska R-26, Seldovia; Alaska R-28, Cordova; or

“(2) the payment of expenditures for any obligation or commitment entered into under this Act prior to June 30, 1967.”

Approved July 31, 1970.