

109TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 6338

AN ACT

To amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent and repress the misuse of the Red Crescent distinctive emblem and the Third Protocol (Red Crystal) distinctive emblem.

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 “Geneva Distinctive
3 Emblems Protection Act of 2006”.

4 **SEC. 2. GENEVA DISTINCTIVE EMBLEMS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 33 of title 18, United
6 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 706 the
7 following:

8 **“§ 706a. Geneva distinctive emblems**

9 “(a) Whoever wears or displays the sign of the Red
10 Crescent or the Third Protocol Emblem (the Red Crystal),
11 or any insignia colored in imitation thereof for the fraudu-
12 lent purpose of inducing the belief that he is a member
13 of or an agent for an authorized national society using
14 the Red Crescent or the Third Protocol Emblem, the
15 International Committee of the Red Cross, or the Inter-
16 national Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Soci-
17 eties shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more
18 than 6 months, or both.

19 “(b) Except as set forth in section (c) and (d), who-
20 ever, whether a corporation, association, or person, uses
21 the emblem of the Red Crescent or the Third Protocol
22 Emblem on a white ground or any sign or insignia made
23 or colored in imitation thereof or the designations ‘Red
24 Crescent’ or ‘Third Protocol Emblem’ shall be fined under
25 this title or imprisoned not more than 6 months, or both.

1 “(c) The following may use such emblems and des-
2 ignations consistent with the Geneva Conventions of Au-
3 gust 12, 1949, and, if applicable, the Additional Protocols:

4 “(1) Authorized national societies that are
5 members of the International Federation of Red
6 Cross and Red Crescent Societies and their duly au-
7 thorized employees and agents.

8 “(2) The International Committee of the Red
9 Cross and its duly authorized employees and agents.

10 “(3) The International Federation of Red Cross
11 and Red Crescent Societies and its duly authorized
12 employees and agents.

13 “(4) The sanitary and hospital authorities of
14 the armed forces of State Parties to the Geneva
15 Conventions of August 12, 1949.

16 “(d) This section does not make unlawful the use of
17 any such emblem, sign, insignia, or words which was law-
18 ful on or before December 8, 2005, if such use would not
19 appear in time of armed conflict to confer the protections
20 of the Geneva Conventions of August 12, 1949, and, if
21 applicable, the Additional Protocols.

22 “(e) A violation of this section or section 706 may
23 be enjoined at the civil suit of the Attorney General.”.

24 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
25 at the beginning of chapter 33 of title 18, United States

- 1 Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to
- 2 section 706 the following new item:

“706a. Geneva distinctive emblems.”.

Passed the House of Representatives December 5,
2006.

Attest:

Clerk.

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