

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2358

AN ACT

To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue coins in commemoration of Native Americans and the important contributions made by Indian tribes and individual Native Americans to the development of the United States and the history of the United States, 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 “Native American \$1
5 Coin Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. NATIVE AMERICAN \$1 COIN PROGRAM.**

7 Section 5112 of title 31, United States Code, is
8 amended by adding at the end the following:

9 “(r) REDESIGN AND ISSUANCE OF CIRCULATING \$1
10 COINS HONORING NATIVE AMERICANS AND THE IMPOR-
11 TANT CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY INDIAN TRIBES AND IN-
12 DIVIDUAL NATIVE AMERICANS IN UNITED STATES HIS-
13 TORY.—

14 “(1) REDESIGN BEGINNING IN 2008.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Effective beginning
16 January 1, 2008, notwithstanding subsection
17 (d), in addition to the coins to be issued pursu-
18 ant to subsection (n), and in accordance with
19 this subsection, the Secretary shall mint and
20 issue \$1 coins that—

21 “(i) have as the designs on the ob-
22 verse the so-called ‘Sakakawea design’; and

23 “(ii) have a design on the reverse se-
24 lected in accordance with paragraph
25 (2)(A), subject to paragraph (3)(A).

1 “(B) DELAYED DATE.—If the date of the
2 enactment of the Native American \$1 Coin Act
3 is after July 31, 2007, subparagraph (A) shall
4 be applied by substituting ‘2009’ for ‘2008’.

5 “(2) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—The \$1 coins
6 issued in accordance with paragraph (1) shall meet
7 the following design requirements:

8 “(A) COIN REVERSE.—The design on the
9 reverse shall bear—

10 “(i) images celebrating the important
11 contributions made by Indian tribes and
12 individual Native Americans to the devel-
13 opment of the United States and the his-
14 tory of the United States;

15 “(ii) the inscription ‘\$1’ ; and

16 “(iii) the inscription ‘United States of
17 America’.

18 “(B) COIN OBVERSE.—The design on the
19 obverse shall—

20 “(i) be chosen by the Secretary, after
21 consultation with the Commission of Fine
22 Arts and review by the Citizens Coinage
23 Advisory Committee; and

24 “(ii) contain the so-called ‘Sakakawea
25 design’ and the inscription ‘Liberty’.

1 “(C) EDGE-INCUSED INSCRIPTIONS.—

2 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The inscription of
3 the year of minting and issuance of the
4 coin and the inscriptions ‘E Pluribus
5 Unum’ and ‘In God We Trust’ shall be
6 edge-incused into the coin.

7 “(ii) PRESERVATION OF DISTINCTIVE
8 EDGE.—The edge-incusing of the inscrip-
9 tions under clause (i) on coins issued
10 under this subsection shall be done in a
11 manner that preserves the distinctive edge
12 of the coin so that the denomination of the
13 coin is readily discernible, including by in-
14 dividuals who are blind or visually im-
15 paired.

16 “(D) REVERSE DESIGN SELECTION.—The
17 designs selected for the reverse of the coins de-
18 scribed under this subsection—

19 “(i) shall be chosen by the Secretary
20 after consultation with the Committee on
21 Indian Affairs of the Senate, the Congres-
22 sional Native American Caucus of the
23 House of Representatives, the Commission
24 of Fine Arts, and the National Congress of
25 American Indians;

1 “(ii) shall be reviewed by the Citizens
2 Coinage Advisory Committee;

3 “(iii) may depict individuals and
4 events such as—

5 “(I) the creation of Cherokee
6 written language;

7 “(II) the Iroquois Confederacy;

8 “(III) Wampanoag Chief
9 Massasoit;

10 “(IV) the ‘Pueblo Revolt’;

11 “(V) Olympian Jim Thorpe;

12 “(VI) Ely S. Parker, a general
13 on the staff of General Ulysses S.
14 Grant and later head of the Bureau of
15 Indian Affairs; and

16 “(VII) code talkers who served
17 the United States Armed Forces dur-
18 ing World War I and World War II;
19 and

20 “(iv) in the case of a design depicting
21 the contribution of an individual Native
22 American to the development of the United
23 States and the history of the United
24 States, shall not depict the individual in a

1 size such that the coin could be considered
2 to be a ‘2-headed’ coin.

3 “(3) ISSUANCE OF COINS COMMEMORATING 1
4 NATIVE AMERICAN EVENT DURING EACH YEAR.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each design for the
6 reverse of the \$1 coins issued during each year
7 shall be emblematic of 1 important Native
8 American or Native American contribution each
9 year.

10 “(B) ISSUANCE PERIOD.—Each \$1 coin
11 minted with a design on the reverse in accord-
12 ance with this subsection for any year shall be
13 issued during the 1-year period beginning on
14 January 1 of that year and shall be available
15 throughout the entire 1-year period.

16 “(C) ORDER OF ISSUANCE OF DESIGNS.—
17 Each coin issued under this subsection com-
18 memorating Native Americans and their con-
19 tributions—

20 “(i) shall be issued, to the maximum
21 extent practicable, in the chronological
22 order in which the Native Americans lived
23 or the events occurred, until the termi-
24 nation of the coin program described in
25 subsection (n); and

1 “(ii) thereafter shall be issued in any
2 order determined to be appropriate by the
3 Secretary, after consultation with the Com-
4 mittee on Indian Affairs of the Senate, the
5 Congressional Native American Caucus of
6 the House of Representatives, and the Na-
7 tional Congress of American Indians.

8 “(4) ISSUANCE OF NUMISMATIC COINS.—The
9 Secretary may mint and issue such number of \$1
10 coins of each design selected under this subsection
11 in uncirculated and proof qualities as the Secretary
12 determines to be appropriate.

13 “(5) QUANTITY.—The number of \$1 coins
14 minted and issued in a year with the Sakakawea-de-
15 sign on the obverse shall be not less than 20 percent
16 of the total number of \$1 coins minted and issued
17 in such year.”.

18 **SEC. 3. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

19 Section 5112 of title 31, United States Code, is
20 amended—

21 (1) in subsection (n)(1)—

22 (A) by striking the paragraph designation
23 and heading and all that follows through “Not-
24 withstanding subsection (d)” and inserting the
25 following:

1 “(1) REDESIGN BEGINNING IN 2007.—Notwith-
2 standing subsection (d)”;

3 (B) by striking subparagraph (B); and

4 (C) by redesignating clauses (i) and (ii) as
5 subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively, and
6 indenting the subparagraphs appropriately;

7 (2) in subsection (n), by striking “Sacagawea-
8 design” each place such term appears and inserting
9 “Sakakawea-design”; and

10 (3) in paragraphs (3)(C) and (5) of subsection
11 (p), by striking “Sacagawea-design” each place such
12 term appears and inserting “Sakakawea-design”.

13 **SEC. 4. REMOVAL OF BARRIERS TO CIRCULATION OF \$1**
14 **COIN.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—In order to remove barriers to cir-
16 culation, the Secretary of the Treasury shall carry out an
17 aggressive, cost-effective, continuing campaign to encour-
18 age commercial enterprises to accept and dispense \$1
19 coins that have as designs on the obverse the so-called
20 “Sakakawea design”.

1 (b) REPORT.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall
2 submit to Congress an annual report on the success of
3 the efforts described in subsection (a).

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Attest:

Clerk.

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