117TH CONGRESS
2D Session

H. R. 7778

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to prohibit misuse of the Department of Homeland Security seal, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on ____________________

A BILL

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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 “Department of Home-
5 land Security Seal Protection Act”.

(Original Signature of Member)
SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON MISUSE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY SEAL.

Subsection (a) of section 875 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 455) is amended to read as follows:

“(a) SEAL.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Department shall have a seal, the design of which shall be subject to the approval of the President.

“(2) PROTECTION OF SEAL.—Except with the written permission of the Secretary, no person may knowingly use the seal, or any colorable imitation thereof, of the Department in a manner reasonably calculated to convey the impression that the Department or any organizational component or element of the Department has approved, endorsed, or authorized such use.

“(3) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection may be construed to restrict the use of the seal of the Department by officers and employees of the Department in their course of their official duties.

“(4) EXISTING DESIGN.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), nothing in this subsection renders unlawful the use of any seal of the Department the
design of which was lawful as of the date of the enactment of this subsection.”