

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 1299

AN ACT

To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins
in commemoration of the centennial of the establishment
of Lions Clubs International.

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 “Lions Clubs Inter-
3 national Century of Service Commemorative Coin Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 The Congress finds as follows:

6 (1) Lions Clubs International is the world’s
7 largest service club organization founded in 1917 by
8 Chicago business leader Melvin Jones. Lions Clubs
9 International empowers volunteers to serve their
10 communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage
11 peace and promote international understanding
12 through Lions clubs.

13 (2) Today, Lions Clubs International has over
14 1.35 million members in more than 45,000 clubs
15 globally, extending its mission of service throughout
16 the world every day.

17 (3) In 1945, Lions Clubs International became
18 one of the first nongovernmental organizations in-
19 vited to assist in drafting the United Nations Char-
20 ter and has enjoyed a special relationship with the
21 United Nations ever since.

22 (4) In 1968, Lions Clubs International Founda-
23 tion was established to assist with global and large-
24 scale local humanitarian projects and has since then
25 awarded more than \$700 million to fund five unique
26 areas of service: preserving sight, combating dis-

1 ability, promoting health, serving youth and pro-
 2 viding disaster relief.

3 (5) In 1990, the Lions Clubs International
 4 Foundation launched the SightFirst program to
 5 build comprehensive eye care systems to fight the
 6 major causes of blindness and care for the blind or
 7 visually impaired. Thanks to the generosity of Lions
 8 worldwide, over \$415 million has been raised, result-
 9 ing in the prevention of serious vision loss in 30 mil-
 10 lion people and improved eye care for hundreds of
 11 millions of people.

12 (6) On June 7, 2017, Lions Clubs International
 13 will celebrate 100 years of community service to
 14 men, women, and children in need throughout the
 15 world.

16 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

17 (a) \$1 SILVER COINS.—The Secretary of the Treas-
 18 ury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”)
 19 shall mint and issue not more than 400,000 \$1 coins in
 20 commemoration of the centennial of the founding of the
 21 Lions Clubs International, each of which shall—

- 22 (1) weigh 26.73 grams;
- 23 (2) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and
- 24 (3) contain 90 percent silver and 10 percent
- 25 copper.

1 (b) LEGAL TENDER.—The coins minted under this
 2 Act shall be legal tender, as provided in section 5103 of
 3 title 31, United States Code.

4 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections
 5 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins
 6 minted under this Act shall be considered to be numis-
 7 matic items.

8 **SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.**

9 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins
 11 minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the
 12 centennial of the Lions Clubs International.

13 (2) DESIGNATION AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On
 14 each coin minted under this Act, there shall be—

15 (A) a designation of the value of the coin;

16 (B) an inscription of the year “2017”; and

17 (C) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”,

18 “In God We Trust”, “United States of Amer-

19 ica”, and “E Pluribus Unum”.

20 (b) SELECTION.—The design for the coins minted
 21 under this Act shall be—

22 (1) chosen by the Secretary after consultation
 23 with Lions Clubs International Special Centennial
 24 Planning Committee and the Commission of Fine
 25 Arts; and

1 (2) reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advisory
2 Committee.

3 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

4 (a) QUALITY OF COINS.—Coins minted under this
5 Act shall be issued in uncirculated and proof qualities.

6 (b) MINT FACILITY.—Only one facility of the United
7 States Mint may be used to strike any particular quality
8 of the coins minted under this Act.

9 (c) PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may
10 issue coins under this Act only during the calendar year
11 beginning on January 1, 2017.

12 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

13 (a) SALE PRICE.—The coins issued under this Act
14 shall be sold by the Secretary at a price equal to the sum
15 of—

16 (1) the face value of the coins;

17 (2) the surcharge provided in section 7 with re-
18 spect to such coins; and

19 (3) the cost of designing and issuing the coins
20 (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery,
21 overhead expenses, marketing, and shipping).

22 (b) BULK SALES.—The Secretary shall make bulk
23 sales of the coins issued under this Act at a reasonable
24 discount.

25 (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall accept
 2 prepaid orders for the coins minted under this Act
 3 before the issuance of such coins.

4 (2) DISCOUNT.—Sale prices with respect to pre-
 5 paid orders under paragraph (1) shall be at a rea-
 6 sonable discount.

7 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—All sales of coins issued under this
 9 Act shall include a surcharge of \$10 per coin.

10 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f) of
 11 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges received by
 12 the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act
 13 shall be promptly paid by the Secretary to the Lions Clubs
 14 International Foundation for the purposes of—

15 (1) furthering its programs for the blind and
 16 visually impaired in the United States and abroad;

17 (2) investing in adaptive technologies for the
 18 disabled; and

19 (3) investing in youth and those affected by a
 20 major disaster.

21 (c) AUDITS.—The Comptroller General of the United
 22 States shall have the right to examine such books, records,
 23 documents, and other data of the Lions Clubs Inter-
 24 national Foundation as may be related to the expenditures
 25 of amounts paid under subsection (b).

1 (d) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a),
2 no surcharge may be included with respect to the issuance
3 under this Act of any coin during a calendar year if, as
4 of the time of such issuance, the issuance of such coin
5 would result in the number of commemorative coin pro-
6 grams issued during such year to exceed the annual 2
7 commemorative coin program issuance limitation under
8 section 5112(m)(1) of title 31, United States Code. The
9 Secretary may issue guidance to carry out this subsection.

Passed the Senate July 26, 2012.

Attest:

Secretary.

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