

116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1999

To amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide for the registration of marks consisting of the flag, coat of arms, or other official insignia of the United States, any State or municipality of the United States, or any foreign nation.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 1, 2019

Mr. JEFFRIES (for himself and Mrs. ROBY) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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 “Fair Licensing Access  
5       for Governments Act of 2019” or the “FLAG Act of  
6       2019”.

1 **SECTION 2. REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN MARKS CON-**  
2 **SISTING OF FLAGS, COATS OF ARMS, OR**  
3 **OTHER INSIGNIA.**

4       Section 2(b) of the Act entitled “An Act to provide  
5 for the registration and protection of trademarks used in  
6 commerce, to carry out the provisions of certain inter-  
7 national conventions, and for other purposes”, approved  
8 July 5, 1946 (commonly referred to as the “Trademark  
9 Act of 1946”; 15 U.S.C. 1052(b)) is amended by inserting  
10 “except by the written consent of the competent author-  
11 ity” after “simulation thereof”.

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