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# H. R. 627

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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## AN ACT

To provide for the issuance of coins to commemorate the  
100th anniversary of the establishment of the National  
Park Service, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “National Park Service  
3 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 The Congress finds the following:

6 (1) In 1916, Congress established the National  
7 Park Service as a bureau within the Department of  
8 the Interior to administer America’s great national  
9 parks and monuments as a unified National Park  
10 System.

11 (2) From 1916 to the present, the National  
12 Park System has grown from 37 park units with  
13 6,000,000 acres of land in the western United  
14 States to more than 395 units with 84,000,000  
15 acres of land in nearly all States and territories.

16 (3) The responsibilities of the National Park  
17 Service have grown to include—

18 (A) managing national historic trails and  
19 national scenic trails;

20 (B) administering wild and scenic rivers;

21 (C) recognizing America’s most significant  
22 historic resources through the National Register  
23 of Historic Places and the National Historic  
24 Landmark program;

25 (D) providing historic preservation grants;

26 and

1           (E) assisting communities in meeting their  
2           preservation, conservation, and recreation  
3           needs.

4           (4) The National Park Service Organic Act of  
5           1916, which established the National Park Service,  
6           remains the preeminent law guiding the manage-  
7           ment of parks and articulating the Service’s core  
8           mission, “to conserve the scenery and the natural  
9           and historic objects and the wild life therein and to  
10          provide for the enjoyment of the same in such man-  
11          ner and by such means as will leave them  
12          unimpaired for the enjoyment of future genera-  
13          tions”.

14          (5) The 100th anniversary of the National Park  
15          Service in 2016 will be an occasion to celebrate a  
16          century of American vision and achievement in iden-  
17          tifying and preserving our Nation’s special places for  
18          the benefit of everyone and the culmination of 100  
19          years of accomplishment by the National Park Serv-  
20          ice’s employees, partners, and volunteers. It will also  
21          mark the beginning of the organization’s second cen-  
22          tury of service to the American people as environ-  
23          mental leaders and vigilant stewards of the Nation’s  
24          treasured places and stories.

1           (6) Coins commemorating the 100th anniver-  
2 sary of the National Park Service will bring national  
3 and international attention to the National Park  
4 System and to the legacy Congress left in 1916  
5 when it established a Federal agency to ensure the  
6 protection of our Nation's most treasured natural  
7 and cultural resources for all time.

8           (7) The proceeds from a surcharge on the sale  
9 of commemorative coins will assist the financing of  
10 the needs of the National Park Service's parks and  
11 programs, helping to ensure that our Nation's great  
12 natural and cultural resources will endure for gen-  
13 erations to come.

14 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

15       (a) DENOMINATIONS.—The Secretary of the Treas-  
16 ury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”)  
17 shall mint and issue the following coins:

18           (1) \$5 GOLD COINS.—Not more than 100,000  
19 \$5 coins, which shall—

20                   (A) weigh 8.359 grams;

21                   (B) have a diameter of 0.850 inches; and

22                   (C) contain 90 percent gold and 10 percent  
23 alloy.

24           (2) \$1 SILVER COINS.—Not more than 500,000  
25 \$1 coins, which shall—

1 (A) weigh 26.73 grams;

2 (B) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and

3 (C) contain 90 percent silver and 10 per-  
4 cent copper.

5 (3) HALF DOLLAR CLAD COINS.—Not more  
6 than 750,000 half dollar coins, which shall—

7 (A) weigh 11.34 grams;

8 (B) have a diameter of 1.205 inches; and

9 (C) be minted to the specifications for half  
10 dollar coins, contained in section 5112(b) of  
11 title 31, United States Code.

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

15 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections  
16 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins  
17 minted under this Act shall be considered to be numis-  
18 matic items.

19 **SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.**

20 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins  
22 minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the  
23 100th anniversary of the National Park Service.

24 (2) DESIGNATION AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On  
25 each coin minted under this Act there shall be—

1 (A) a designation of the face value of the  
2 coin;

3 (B) an inscription of the year “2016”; and

4 (C) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”,  
5 “In God We Trust”, “United States of Amer-  
6 ica”, and “E Pluribus Unum”.

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

9 (1) selected by the Secretary after consultation  
10 with—

11 (A) the National Park Service;

12 (B) the National Park Foundation; and

13 (C) the Commission of Fine Arts; and

14 (2) reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advisory  
15 Committee.

16 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

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

19 (b) PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may  
20 issue coins minted under this Act only during the period  
21 beginning on January 1, 2016, and ending on December  
22 31, 2016.

1 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

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

5 (1) the face value of the coins;

6 (2) the surcharge provided in section 7(a) with  
7 respect to the coins; and

8 (3) the cost of designing and issuing the coins  
9 (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery,  
10 overhead expenses, marketing, and shipping).

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

14 (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—

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

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

21 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—All sales of coins minted under  
23 this Act shall include a surcharge as follows:

24 (1) A surcharge of \$35 per coin for the \$5 coin.

25 (2) A surcharge of \$10 per coin for the \$1 coin.

1           (3) A surcharge of \$5 per coin for the half dol-  
2       lar coin.

3       (b) DISTRIBUTION.—

4           (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to section 5134(f) of  
5       title 31, United States Code, all surcharges which  
6       are received by the Secretary from the sale of coins  
7       issued under this Act shall be promptly paid by the  
8       Secretary to the National Park Foundation for  
9       projects and programs that help preserve and pro-  
10      tect resources under the stewardship of the National  
11      Park Service and promote public enjoyment and ap-  
12      preciation of those resources.

13          (2) PROHIBITION ON LAND ACQUISITION.—Sur-  
14      charges paid to the National Park Foundation pur-  
15      suant to paragraph (1) may not be used for land ac-  
16      quisition.

17      (c) AUDITS.—The National Park Foundation shall be  
18      subject to the audit requirements of section 5134(f)(2) of  
19      title 31, United States Code, with regard to the amounts  
20      received by the Foundation under subsection (b).

21      (d) LIMITATIONS.—Notwithstanding subsection (a),  
22      no surcharge may be included with respect to the issuance  
23      under this Act of any coin during a calendar year if, as  
24      of the time of such issuance, the issuance of such coin  
25      would result in the number of commemorative coin pro-



1 grams issued during such year to exceed the annual 2  
2 commemorative coin program issuance limitation under  
3 section 5112(m)(1) of title 31, United States Code (as in  
4 effect on the date of the enactment of this Act). The Sec-  
5 retary of the Treasury may issue guidance to carry out  
6 this subsection.

7 **SEC. 8. FINANCIAL ASSURANCES.**

8 The Secretary shall take such actions as may be nec-  
9 essary to ensure that—

10 (1) minting and issuing coins under this Act  
11 will not result in any net cost to the United States  
12 Government; and

13 (2) no funds, including applicable surcharges,  
14 shall be disbursed to any recipient designated in sec-  
15 tion 7 until the total cost of designing and issuing  
16 all of the coins authorized by this Act (including  
17 labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, overhead ex-  
18 penses, marketing, and shipping) is recovered by the  
19 United States Treasury, consistent with sections  
20 5112(m) and 5134(f) of title 31, United States  
21 Code.

22 **SEC. 9. BUDGET COMPLIANCE.**

23 The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of  
24 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,  
25 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement

1 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this  
2 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record  
3 by the Chairman of the Committee on the Budget of the  
4 House of Representatives, provided that such statement  
5 has been submitted prior to the vote on passage.

Passed the House of Representatives April 29, 2014.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

*Clerk.*