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To require that jewelry imported from another country be indelibly marked with the country of origin.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. REED introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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. MARKING OF IMPORTED JEWELRY.**

4 (a) MARKING REQUIREMENT.—By no later than the
5 date that is 1 year after the date of enactment of this
6 Act, the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe and im-
7 plement regulations that require that all jewelry described
8 in subsection (b) that enters the customs territory of the
9 United States have the English name of the country of
10 origin indelibly marked in a conspicuous place on such

1 jewelry by cutting, die-sinking, engraving, stamping, or
2 some other permanent method. The exceptions from mark-
3 ing requirements provided for in section 304 of the Tariff
4 Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1304) shall not apply to jewelry
5 described in subsection (b).

6 (b) JEWELRY.—The jewelry described in this sub-
7 section means any article described in heading 7117 of
8 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States.

9 (c) DEFINITION.—As used in this section, the term
10 “enters the customs territory of the United States” means
11 enters, or is withdrawn from warehouse for consumption,
12 in the customs territory of the United States.

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