

107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 1770

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 9, 2001

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland (for himself, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. PAUL, Mr. CAMP, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. EHRLICH, Mr. EVERETT, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. McKEON, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. WELDON of Florida, and Mr. JONES of North Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. LIMITATIONS ON PURCHASE, ISSUE, AND**  
2 **WEARING OF BERETS.**

3 (a) **LIMITATIONS.**—Except as provided in subsections  
4 (b) and (c), the Secretary of the Army may not—

5 (1) enter into a contract for the purchase of  
6 any berets for issue as Army headgear;

7 (2) authorize or require the wear of a beret as  
8 standard Army headgear; or

9 (3) issue a beret for use as standard Army  
10 headgear.

11 (b) **TERMINATION OF LIMITATION UPON CERTIFI-**  
12 **CATION THAT AMMUNITION SHORTFALL HAS BEEN**  
13 **ELIMINATED.**—The limitations in subsection (a) shall  
14 cease to apply upon the submission by the Secretary of  
15 the Army to Congress of a certification that, as of the  
16 date of the submission of the certification, any shortfall  
17 of stores of Army ammunition has been eliminated.

18 (c) **EXCEPTION FOR SPECIALIZED UNITS.**—The limi-  
19 tations in subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to  
20 a beret to be worn by members of the Army assigned to,  
21 or serving with, specialized units for which, as determined  
22 by the Secretary, the wear of a beret or other distinctive  
23 headgear is customary and for which the wear of a distinc-  
24 tive beret is specifically authorized by the Secretary.

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