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# S. 647

To modify the prohibition on recognition by United States courts of certain rights relating to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 21, 2013

Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mr. BURR) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “No Stolen Trademarks  
5 Honored in America Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF PROHIBITION.**

7 Section 211 of the Department of Commerce and Re-  
8 lated Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999 (as contained in  
9 section 101(b) of division A of Public Law 105–277; 112  
10 Stat. 2681–88) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)(2)—

2 (A) by striking “by a designated national”;

3 and

4 (B) by inserting before the period “that  
5 was used in connection with a business or as-  
6 sets that were confiscated unless the original  
7 owner of the mark, trade name, or commercial  
8 name, or the bonafide successor-in-interest has  
9 expressly consented”;

10 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “by a des-  
11 ignated national or its successor-in-interest”;

12 (3) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-  
13 section (e);

14 (4) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-  
15 lowing:

16 “(d) Subsections (a)(2) and (b) of this section shall  
17 apply only if the person or entity asserting the rights knew  
18 or had reason to know at the time when the person or  
19 entity acquired the rights asserted that the mark, trade  
20 name, or commercial name was the same as or substan-  
21 tially similar to a mark, trade name, or commercial name  
22 that was used in connection with a business or assets that  
23 were confiscated.”; and

24 (5) in subsection (e), as so redesignated, by  
25 striking “In this section:” and all that follows

1 through “(2) The term” and inserting “In this sec-  
2 tion, the term”.

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