

Public Law 92-191

AN ACT

December 15, 1971
[H. R. 8548]

To curtail the mailing of certain articles which present a hazard to postal employees or mail processing machines by imposing restrictions on certain advertising and promotional matter in the mails, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1716 of title 18, United States Code, is amended (1) by designating the first through seventh paragraphs thereof as subsections (a) through (g), respectively; and (2) by inserting immediately above the penal provisions in such section the following new subsection:

“(h) Any advertising, promotional, or sales matter which solicits or induces the mailing of anything declared nonmailable by this section is likewise nonmailable unless such matter contains wrapping or packaging instructions which are in accord with regulations promulgated by the Postal Service.”

SEC. 2. Section 3001 of title 39, United States Code, as enacted by the Postal Reorganization Act (P.L. 91-375), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

“(g) The district courts, together with the District Court of the Virgin Islands and the District Court of Guam, shall have jurisdiction, upon cause shown, to enjoin violations of section 1716 of title 18.”

SEC. 3. The amendments made by this Act shall become effective at the beginning of the third calendar month following the date of enactment of this Act or on the date section 3001 of title 39, United States Code, becomes effective pursuant to section 15(a) of Public Law 91-375, whichever is the later.

Approved December 15, 1971.

Nonmailable
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jurisdiction.
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1974.

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101 note.

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JOINT RESOLUTION

December 15, 1971
[S. J. Res. 149]

To authorize and request the President to proclaim the year 1972 as
“International Book Year”.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in recognition of (1) the fact that the United States, during its entire history, has recognized importance of universal education in a free society and the commitment of the people and Government of the United States to the free flow of information, (2) the fact that books are basic to both universal education and the free flow of information, and (3) the designation by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization of the year 1972 as “International Book Year”, the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation designating the year 1972 as “International Book Year”, and calling upon executive departments and agencies, the people of the United States, and interested groups and organizations to observe such year with appropriate ceremonies and activities both within and without the United States.

Approved December 15, 1971.

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