

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 756

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 12, 2019

Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. RUBIO) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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

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 at the

5 end the following: “that was used in connection

6 with a business or assets that were confiscated

7 unless the original owner of the mark, trade

8 name, or commercial name, or the bona fide

9 successor-in-interest has expressly consented”;

10 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “by a des-

11 ignate 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”.

