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# H. R. 128

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 3, 2017

Mr. BURGESS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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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 “Semipostal Stamp  
5       Clarification Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE**  
2 **SEMIPOSTAL STAMP AUTHORITY.**

3 Section 416 of title 39, United States Code, is  
4 amended—

5 (1) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the  
6 following:

7 “(b) LIMITED AUTHORITY.—The Postal Service may  
8 issue and sell semipostals under this section only for such  
9 purposes or causes as provided for by an Act of Con-  
10 gress.”;

11 (2) in subsection (d)—

12 (A) in paragraph (1)—

13 (i) by striking “appropriate agency or  
14 agencies” and inserting “appropriate agen-  
15 cy or entity, as provided for by an Act of  
16 Congress pursuant to subsection (b),”; and

17 (ii) by striking “such agency” and in-  
18 serting “such agency or entity”;

19 (B) by striking paragraph (2); and

20 (C) by redesignating paragraph (3) as  
21 paragraph (2);

22 (3) by striking subsection (e); and

23 (4) by redesignating subsections (f) and (g) as  
24 subsections (e) and (f), respectively.