

[PUBLIC LAW 612—79TH CONGRESS]

[CHAPTER 767—2D SESSION]

[H. R. 2377]

AN ACT

To authorize the coinage of 50-cent pieces in commemoration of the one-hundredth anniversary of the admission of Iowa into the Union as a State.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That, in commemoration of the one-hundredth anniversary of the admission of Iowa into the Union as a State, there shall be coined not to exceed one hundred thousand silver 50-cent pieces of standard size, weight, and composition, and of a special appropriate design to be fixed by the Director of the Mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury; but the United States shall not be subject to the expense of making the necessary dies and other preparations for such coinage.

SEC. 2. The coins herein authorized shall bear the date of the year in which they are minted, shall be legal tender to the amount of their face value, and shall be issued only upon the request of a duly authorized representative of the State of Iowa, upon the payment by it of the par value of such coins. Such coins shall be issued in such numbers and at such times during the calendar year 1946 as shall be requested by such State of Iowa and may be disposed of at par or at a premium, and the net proceeds shall be used for the observation of the centennial as directed by the Governor of the State of Iowa.

SEC. 3. All laws now in force relating to the subsidiary silver coins of the United States and the coining or striking of the same, regulating and guarding the process of coinage, providing for the purchase of material, and for the transportation, distribution, and redemption of coins, for the prevention of debasement or counterfeiting, for the security of the coins, or for any other purpose, whether such laws are penal or otherwise, shall, so far as applicable, apply to the coinage herein authorized.

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