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Vending Machines on Federal Property Exempted From \$1 Coin Dispensing Law

Vending machines on federal property accepting nothing higher than the \$1 bill need not be modified to dispense dollar coins in change under recent legislation signed into law by President Bush. Public Law No. 110-147 became effective on December 21, 2007. Machines that accept bills greater than \$1 are still subject to \$1 coin dispensing guidelines.

Some agencies previously interpreted the Presidential Dollar Coin Act of 2005 to require all vending machines on federal property to dispense dollar coins. Modifying machines accepting nothing higher than the \$1 denomination to dispense dollar coins would have entailed millions of dollars in needless equipment costs. NAMA supported this legislative amendment.

The new law provides:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 5112(p)(1)(A) of title 31, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

`(A) any business operations conducted by any such agency, instrumentality, system, or entity that involve coins or currency will be fully capable of--

`(i) accepting \$1 coins in connection with such operations; and (ii) other than vending machines that do not receive currency denominations higher than \$1, dispensing \$1 coins in connection with such operations; and'...

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