

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4576

To amend title 28, United States Code, with respect to the jurisdiction of Federal courts over certain cases and controversies involving the Ten Commandments, the Pledge of Allegiance, and the National Motto.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 16, 2005

Mr. PICKERING (for himself, Mr. PITTS, Mrs. MYRICK, Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. DOOLITTLE, and Mr. WELDON of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Safeguarding Our Reli-
5 gious Liberties Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON JURISDICTION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 99 of title 28, United
3 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing:

5 **“§ 1632. Limitation on jurisdiction**

6 “No court created by Act of Congress shall have any
7 jurisdiction, and the Supreme Court shall have no appel-
8 late jurisdiction, to hear or decide any question pertaining
9 to the interpretation of, or the validity under the Constitu-
10 tion of—

11 “(1) the Ten Commandments, or its recitation,
12 display, acknowledgement, or use;

13 “(2) the Pledge of Allegiance, as defined in sec-
14 tion 4 of title 4, or its recitation, display, acknowl-
15 edgement, or use; and

16 “(3) the National Motto, as defined in section
17 302 of title 36, or its recitation, display, acknowl-
18 edgement, or use.”

19 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
20 at the beginning of chapter 99 of title 28, United States
21 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
22 item:

“1632. Limitation on jurisdiction.”

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