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# H. R. 3047

Relating to the tariff treatment of theatrical, ballet, and operatic scenery, properties, and sets.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ANDREWS of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

Relating to the tariff treatment of theatrical, ballet, and operatic scenery, properties, and sets.

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. THEATRICAL, BALLET, AND OPERATIC SCE-**  
4 **NERY, PROPERTIES, AND SETS.**

5 (a) ARTICLES OF WOOD.—Chapter 44 of the Har-  
6 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States is amended  
7 by striking subheading 4421.90.90 and inserting in nu-  
8 merical sequence the following new superior text and sub-  
9 headings, with the article description for subheading

1 4421.90.94 having the same degree of indentation as the  
 2 article description in subheading 4421.90.60:

4421.90.94	Other To be used in theatrical, ballet, or operatic scenery, properties, or sets .....	Free		33 1/3%	"
4421.90.96	Other .....	5.1%	Free (A,B,E,I,L,J) 2.5% (CA)	33 1/3%	"

3 (b) TEXTILE FABRICS OTHERWISE IMPREGNATED,  
 4 COATED OR COVERED.—Chapter 59 of the Harmonized  
 5 Tariff Schedule of the United States is amended by insert-  
 6 ing in numerical sequence the following new subheading,  
 7 with the article description having the same degree of in-  
 8 dentation as the article description in subheading  
 9 5907.00.10:

5907.00.20	To be used in theatrical, ballet, or operatic scenery, properties, or sets .....	Free		83.5%	"
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10 (c) WORKS OF ART, COLLECTORS' PIECES.—U.S.  
 11 Note 1 to Chapter 97 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule  
 12 of the United States is amended—

13 (1) by striking subsection (b); and

14 (2) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-  
 15 section (b).

16 (d) THEATRICAL SCENERY, PROPERTIES, AND AP-  
 17 PAREL.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter XVII of chapter  
 19 98 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United

1 States is amended by inserting in numerical se-  
 2 quence the following new heading:

“	9817.00.98	Theatrical scenery, properties, and apparel brought into the United States by proprietors or managers of theatrical exhibitions arriving from abroad for temporary use by them in such exhibitions .....	Free					”.
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3 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subchapter  
 4 XIII of chapter 98 of the Harmonized Tariff Sched-  
 5 ule of the United States is amended by striking  
 6 heading 9813.00.65.

7 **SEC. 2. APPLICABILITY.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by section  
 9 1 apply with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from  
 10 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after  
 11 the date of the enactment of this Act.

12 (b) RETROACTIVE PROVISION.—Notwithstanding sec-  
 13 tion 514 of the Tariff Act of 1930 or any other provision  
 14 of law to the contrary, upon a request filed with the appro-  
 15 priate customs officer before the 90th day after the date  
 16 of the enactment of this Act, any entry or withdrawal from  
 17 warehouse for consumption of goods to which any amend-  
 18 ment made by section 1 applies and that was made—

19 (1) after December 31, 1992; and

20 (2) before the 15th day after the date of the en-  
 21 actment of this Act;

1 and with respect to which there would have been no duty  
2 or a lower duty if such amendment had applied to such  
3 entry or withdrawal, shall be liquidated or reliquidated as  
4 though such entry or withdrawal had occurred on such  
5 15th day.

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