96TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3685

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 24, 1979

Mr. MAGUIRE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 14 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the registration and protection of trade-marks used in commerce, to carry out the provisions of certain international conventions, and for other purposes" (15 U.S.C. 1064), com-

FINAL ACTION

monly referred to as the Lanham Act, is amended by inserting before the period at the end thereof the following: ", except that the Federal Trade Commission shall not have any authority to make such an application to cancel solely on the ground that any registered mark has become the common descriptive name of an article or substance".

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