

Congress to Outlaw Burning of Patriotic Magnets

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - "Support Our Troops", "These Colors Don't Run", and "Freedom Isn't Free, It's Slavery" magnetic ribbons will soon receive U.S. Constitutional protection. Although the popular car magnets aren't that flammable, a little-known clause of the new anti-flag burning amendment gives the ribbons protection from any anti-magnet activists out there.

"I've never seen anyone burn the things, but admit it.. it could happen," said Rep. James Sensenbrenner, "We're basically sending the message.. Just because burning the flag is illegal, that doesn't mean everyone can start barbecuing *Support Our Troops* magnets. So we definitely wanted to preempt that."

The amendment's clause claims that burning such a symbol of America's nationalism is treason. "Otherwise, we are giving comfort to the magnetic ribbon-hating enemy," said Sensenbrenner.

According to the amendment, the magnetic ribbons can be displayed right-side up or sideways, never upside down. And unlike the flag, there will be no proper disposal of these ribbons.

"Okay, you bought the ribbon, sorry but you gotta keep it on your car," said Sensenbrenner, "There's no two ways around it. And I don't want to hear anything about people moving their magnets indoors to the refrigerator. Don't worry though.. You can take it down once the wars are over, which should happen any decade now. So keep on supporting our troops, and we'll keep on supporting your freedom to not burn patriotic magnetic ribbons."

