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# H. R. 2316

To provide more rigorous requirements with respect to disclosure and enforcement of lobbying laws and regulations, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONYERS (for himself, Mr. EMANUEL, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. HALL of New York, Mr. KAGEN, and Mr. SHERMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Rules and House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To provide more rigorous requirements with respect to disclosure and enforcement of lobbying laws and regulations, and for other purposes.

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 AND TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5 “Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for  
7 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title and table of contents.

#### TITLE I—CLOSING THE REVOLVING DOOR

- Sec. 101. Lobbying ban for former Members and employees of Congress and executive branch official.  
 Sec. 102. Disclosure by Members and staff of employment negotiations.  
 Sec. 103. Wrongfully influencing a private entity's employment decisions or practices.  
 Sec. 104. Effective date.

#### TITLE II—FULL PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING

- Sec. 201. Quarterly filing of lobbying disclosure reports.  
 Sec. 202. Electronic filing of lobbying disclosure reports.  
 Sec. 203. Additional lobbying disclosure requirements.  
 Sec. 204. Quarterly reports on other contributions.  
 Sec. 205. Prohibition on provision of gifts or travel by registered lobbyists to Members of Congress and to congressional employees.  
 Sec. 206. Disclosure of lobbying activities by certain coalitions and association.  
 Sec. 207. Disclosure by registered lobbyists of past executive branch and congressional employment.  
 Sec. 208. Public database of lobbying disclosure information; maintenance of information.  
 Sec. 209. Inapplicability to certain political committees.  
 Sec. 210. Effective date.

#### TITLE III—ENFORCEMENT OF LOBBYING RESTRICTIONS

- Sec. 301. Increased civil and criminal penalties for failure to comply with lobbying disclosure requirements.

#### TITLE IV—INCREASED DISCLOSURE

- Sec. 401. Prohibition on official contact with spouse of Member who is a registered lobbyist.  
 Sec. 402. Posting of travel and financial disclosure reports on public website of Clerk of the House of Representatives.

1                   **TITLE I—CLOSING THE**  
 2                   **REVOLVING DOOR**  
 3 **SEC. 101. LOBBYING BAN FOR FORMER MEMBERS AND EM-**  
 4                   **PLOYEES OF CONGRESS AND EXECUTIVE**  
 5                   **BRANCH OFFICIALS.**

6           Section 207 of title 18, United States Code, is  
 7 amended—

8                   (1) in subsection (c)—

1 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking  
2 “ONE-YEAR” and inserting “TWO-YEAR”;

3 (B) in paragraph (1), by striking “1 year”  
4 and inserting “2 years” each place it appears;  
5 and

6 (C) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “1-  
7 year period” and inserting “2-year period”; and  
8 (2) in subsection (d)—

9 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “1 year”  
10 and inserting “2 years”; and

11 (B) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “1  
12 year” and inserting “2 years”.

13 (3) in subsection (e)—

14 (A) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking “1  
15 year” and inserting “2 years”;

16 (B) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “1  
17 year” and inserting “2 years”;

18 (C) in paragraph (3), by striking “1 year”  
19 and inserting “2 years”;

20 (D) in paragraph (4), by striking “1 year”  
21 and inserting “2 years”;

22 (E) in paragraph (5)(A), by striking “1  
23 year” and inserting “2 years”; and

1 (F) in paragraph (6), by striking “1-year  
2 period” and inserting “2-year period” each  
3 place it appears; and

4 (4) in subsection (f), by striking “1 year” and  
5 inserting “2 years”.

6 **SEC. 102. DISCLOSURE BY MEMBERS AND STAFF OF EM-**  
7 **PLOYMENT NEGOTIATIONS.**

8 The Rules of the House of Representatives are  
9 amended by redesignating rules XXVII and XXVIII as  
10 rules XXVIII and XXIX, respectively, and by inserting  
11 after rule XXVI the following new rule:

12 “RULE XXVII

13 “DISCLOSURE BY MEMBERS AND STAFF OF  
14 EMPLOYMENT NEGOTIATIONS

15 “1. A Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner  
16 shall not directly negotiate or have any agreement of fu-  
17 ture employment or compensation until after his or her  
18 successor has been elected, unless such Member, Delegate,  
19 or Resident Commissioner, within 3 business days after  
20 the commencement of such negotiation or agreement of  
21 future employment or compensation, files with the Clerk  
22 a statement, which must be signed by the Member, Dele-  
23 gate, or Resident Commissioner, for public disclosure re-  
24 garding such negotiations or agreement, including the  
25 name of the private entity or entities involved in such ne-

1 negotiations or agreement, and the date such negotiations  
2 or agreement commenced.

3 “2. An officer or an employee of the House earning  
4 in excess of 75 percent of the salary paid to a Member  
5 shall notify the Committee on Standards of Official Con-  
6 duct that he or she is negotiating or has any agreement  
7 of future employment or compensation.

8 “3. The disclosure and notification under this clause  
9 shall be made within 3 business days after the commence-  
10 ment of such negotiation or agreement of future employ-  
11 ment or compensation.

12 “4. A Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner,  
13 and an officer or employee to whom this clause applies,  
14 shall recuse himself or herself from any matter in which  
15 there is a conflict of interest or an appearance of a conflict  
16 for that Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, offi-  
17 cer, or employee under this rule and shall notify the Com-  
18 mittee on Standards of Official Conduct of such recusal.”.

19 **SEC. 103. WRONGFULLY INFLUENCING A PRIVATE ENTITY’S**  
20 **EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS OR PRACTICES.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 11 of title 18, United  
22 States Code, is further amended by adding at the end the  
23 following:

1 **“§ 227. Wrongfully influencing a private entity’s em-**  
2 **ployment decisions by a Member of Con-**  
3 **gress**

4 “Whoever, being a Senator or Representative in, or  
5 a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress or  
6 an employee of either House of Congress, with the intent  
7 to influence on the basis of partisan political affiliation  
8 an employment decision or employment practice of any  
9 private entity—

10 “(1) takes or withholds, or offers or threatens  
11 to take or withhold, an official act; or

12 “(2) influences, or offers or threatens to influ-  
13 ence, the official act of another,

14 shall be fined under this title or imprisoned for not more  
15 than 15 years, or both, and may be disqualified from hold-  
16 ing any office of honor, trust, or profit under the United  
17 States.”.

18 (b) NO INFERENCE.—Nothing in section 227 of title  
19 18, United States Code, as added by this section, shall  
20 be construed to create any inference with respect to wheth-  
21 er the activity described in section 227 of title 18, United  
22 States Code, was a criminal or civil offense before the en-  
23 actment of this Act, including under section 201(b),  
24 201(c), or any of sections 203 through 209, of title 18,  
25 United States Code.

1 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
2 tions for chapter 11 of title 18, United States Code, is  
3 amended by adding at the end the following:

“227. Wrongfully influencing a private entity’s employment decisions by a Mem-  
ber of Congress.”.

4 **SEC. 104. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

5 (a) SECTION 101.—The amendments made by section  
6 101 shall apply to any individual who leaves office or em-  
7 ployment (to which the restrictions in section 207 of title  
8 18, United States apply) more than 120 days after the  
9 date of the enactment of this Act.

10 (b) SECTION 102.—The amendment made by section  
11 102 shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this  
12 Act, and shall apply to negotiations commenced, and  
13 agreements entered into, on or after that date.

14 (c) SECTION 103.—The amendments made by section  
15 103 shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this  
16 Act.

17 **TITLE II—FULL PUBLIC**  
18 **DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING**

19 **SEC. 201. QUARTERLY FILING OF LOBBYING DISCLOSURE**  
20 **REPORTS.**

21 (a) QUARTERLY FILING REQUIRED.—Section 5 of  
22 the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1604) is  
23 amended—

24 (1) in subsection (a)—

1 (A) by striking “SEMIANNUAL” and insert-  
2 ing “QUARTERLY”;

3 (B) by striking “the semiannual period”  
4 and all that follows through “July of each  
5 year” and insert “the quarterly period begin-  
6 ning on the first day of January, April, July,  
7 and October of each year”; and

8 (C) by striking “such semiannual period”  
9 and inserting “such quarterly period”; and  
10 (2) in subsection (b)—

11 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),  
12 by striking “semiannual report” and inserting  
13 “quarterly report”;

14 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “semi-  
15 annual filing period” and inserting “quarterly  
16 period”;

17 (C) in paragraph (3), by striking “semi-  
18 annual period” and inserting “quarterly pe-  
19 riod”; and

20 (D) in paragraph (4), by striking “semi-  
21 annual filing period” and inserting “quarterly  
22 period”.

23 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

24 (1) DEFINITION.—Section 3(10) of the Lob-  
25 bing Disclosure Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1602) is

1 amended by striking “six month period” and insert-  
2 ing “3-month period”.

3 (2) REGISTRATION.—Section 4 of the Lobbying  
4 Disclosure Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1603) is amend-  
5 ed—

6 (A) in subsection (a)(3)(A), by striking  
7 “semiannual period” and inserting “quarterly  
8 period”; and

9 (B) in subsection (b)(3)(A), by striking  
10 “semiannual period” and inserting “quarterly  
11 period”.

12 (3) ENFORCEMENT.—Section 6 of the Lobbying  
13 Disclosure Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1605) is amended  
14 in paragraph (6) by striking “semiannual period”  
15 and inserting “quarterly period”.

16 (4) ESTIMATES.—Section 15 of the Lobbying  
17 Disclosure Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1610) is amend-  
18 ed—

19 (A) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “semi-  
20 annual period” and inserting “quarterly pe-  
21 riod”; and

22 (B) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “semi-  
23 annual period” and inserting “quarterly pe-  
24 riod”.

1           (5) DOLLAR AMOUNTS.—Section 4 of the Lob-  
2           bying Disclosure Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1603) is fur-  
3           ther amended—

4                   (A) in subsection (a)(3)(A)(i), by striking  
5           “\$5,000” and inserting “\$2,500”;

6                   (B) in subsection (a)(3)(A)(ii), by striking  
7           “\$20,000” and inserting “\$10,000”;

8                   (C) in subsection (b)(3)(A), by striking  
9           “\$10,000” and inserting “\$5,000”; and

10                   (D) in subsection (b)(4), by striking  
11           “\$10,000” and inserting “\$5,000”.

12 **SEC. 202. ELECTRONIC FILING OF LOBBYING DISCLOSURE**  
13 **REPORTS.**

14           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5 of the Lobbying Disclo-  
15           sure Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1604) is amended by adding  
16           at the end the following:

17                   “(d) ELECTRONIC FILING REQUIRED.—A report re-  
18           quired to be filed under this section shall be filed in elec-  
19           tronic form, in addition to any other form that may be  
20           required by the Secretary of the Senate or the Clerk of  
21           the House of Representatives.”.

22           (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The requirement in section  
23           5(d) of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, as added  
24           by subsection (a) of this section, that reports be filed elec-  
25           tronically shall take effect on the day after the end of the

1 first calendar quarter that begins after the date of the en-  
2 actment of this Act.

3 **SEC. 203. ADDITIONAL LOBBYING DISCLOSURE REQUIRE-**  
4 **MENTS.**

5 Section 5(b) of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995  
6 (2 U.S.C. 1604(b)) is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “and” after  
8 the semicolon;

9 (2) in paragraph (4) by striking the period and  
10 inserting “; and”; and

11 (3) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(8) a certification that the lobbying firm, or  
13 registrant, and each employee listed as a lobbyist  
14 under section 4(b)(6) or paragraph (2)(C) of this  
15 subsection for that lobbying firm or registrant, has  
16 not provided, requested, or directed a gift, including  
17 travel, to a Member of Congress or an officer or em-  
18 ployee of either House of Congress in violation rule  
19 XXXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate or rule  
20 XXV of the Rules of the House of Representatives.”.

21 **SEC. 204. QUARTERLY REPORTS ON OTHER CONTRIBU-**  
22 **TIONS.**

23 Section 5 of the Act (2 U.S.C. 1604) is further  
24 amended by adding at the end the following:

1       “(e) QUARTERLY REPORTS ON OTHER CONTRIBU-  
2 TIONS.—

3           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 45 days  
4 after the end of the quarterly period beginning on  
5 the first day of January, April, July, and October of  
6 each year, or on the first business day after the first  
7 day of such month if that day is not a business day,  
8 each person who is registered or is required to reg-  
9 ister under paragraph (1) or (2) of section 4(a), and  
10 each employee who is or is required to be listed as  
11 a lobbyist under section 4(b)(6) or subsection (b) of  
12 this section, shall file a report with the Secretary of  
13 the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Represent-  
14 atives containing—

15           “(A) the name of the person;

16           “(B) in the case of an employee, his or her  
17 the employer;

18           “(C) the names of all political committees  
19 established or administered by the person;

20           “(D) the name of each Federal candidate  
21 or officeholder, leadership PAC, or political  
22 party committee, to whom aggregate contribu-  
23 tions equal to or exceeding \$200 were made by  
24 the person or a political committee established  
25 or administered by the person within the cal-

1           endar year, and the date and amount of each  
2           contribution made within the quarterly period;

3           “(E) the date, recipient, and amount of  
4           funds contributed, disbursed, or arranged (or a  
5           good faith estimate thereof) by the person or a  
6           political committee established or administered  
7           by the person during the quarterly period—

8                   “(i) to pay the cost of an event to  
9                   honor or recognize a covered legislative  
10                  branch official or covered executive branch  
11                  official;

12                  “(ii) to, or on behalf of, an entity that  
13                  is named for a covered legislative branch  
14                  official, or to a person or entity in recogni-  
15                  tion of such official;

16                  “(iii) to an entity established, fi-  
17                  nanced, maintained, or controlled by a cov-  
18                  ered legislative branch official or covered  
19                  executive branch official, or an entity des-  
20                  ignated by such official; or

21                  “(iv) to pay the costs of a meeting, re-  
22                  treat, conference, or other similar event  
23                  held by, or for the benefit of, 1 or more  
24                  covered legislative branch officials or cov-  
25                  ered executive branch officials; and

1           “(F) any information reported to the Fed-  
2           eral Election Commission under the second sen-  
3           tence of section 315(a)(8) of the Federal Elec-  
4           tion Campaign Act of 1971 (relating to reports  
5           by intermediaries and conduits of the original  
6           source and the intended recipient of contribu-  
7           tions under such Act) during the quarterly pe-  
8           riod by the person or a political committee es-  
9           tablished or administered by the person.

10           “(2) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term  
11           ‘leadership PAC’ means, with respect to an indi-  
12           vidual holding Federal office, an unauthorized polit-  
13           ical committee that is associated with an individual  
14           holding Federal office, except that such term shall  
15           not apply in the case of a political committee of a  
16           political party.”.

17 **SEC. 205. PROHIBITION ON PROVISION OF GIFTS OR TRAV-**  
18                           **EL BY REGISTERED LOBBYISTS TO MEMBERS**  
19                           **OF CONGRESS AND TO CONGRESSIONAL EM-**  
20                           **PLOYEES.**

21           (a) PROHIBITION.—The Lobbying Disclosure Act of  
22 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) is amended by adding at  
23 the end the following:

1 **“SEC. 25. PROHIBITION ON PROVISION OF GIFTS OR TRAV-**  
2 **EL BY REGISTERED LOBBYISTS TO MEMBERS**  
3 **OF CONGRESS AND TO CONGRESSIONAL EM-**  
4 **PLOYEES.**

5 “(a) PROHIBITION.—Any person described in sub-  
6 section (b) may not make a gift or provide travel to a  
7 Member, officer, or employee of Congress, if the person  
8 has knowledge that the gift or travel may not be accepted  
9 under the rules of the House of Representatives or the  
10 Senate.

11 “(b) PERSONS SUBJECT TO PROHIBITION.—The per-  
12 sons subject to the prohibition under subsection (a) are  
13 any lobbyist that is registered or is required to register  
14 under section 4(a)(1), any organization that employs 1 or  
15 more lobbyists and is registered or is required to register  
16 under section 4(a)(2), and any employee listed or required  
17 to be listed as a lobbyist by a registrant under section  
18 4(b)(6).”.

19 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
20 this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment  
21 of this Act.

22 **SEC. 206. DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES BY CER-**  
23 **TAIN COALITIONS AND ASSOCIATION.**

24 Paragraph (2) of section 3 of the Lobbying Disclo-  
25 sure Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1602) is amended to read as  
26 follows:

1 “(2) CLIENT.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘client’  
3 means any person or entity that employs or re-  
4 tains another person for financial or other com-  
5 pensation to conduct lobbying activities on be-  
6 half of that person or entity. A person or entity  
7 whose employees act as lobbyists on its own be-  
8 half is both a client and an employer of such  
9 employees.

10 “(B) TREATMENT OF COALITIONS AND AS-  
11 SOCIATIONS.—

12 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as pro-  
13 vided in clauses (ii) and (iii), in the case  
14 of a coalition or association that employs  
15 or retains other persons to conduct lob-  
16 bing activities, each of the individual  
17 members of the coalition or association  
18 (and not the coalition or association) is the  
19 client. For purposes of section 4(a)(3), the  
20 preceding sentence shall not apply, and the  
21 coalition or association shall be treated as  
22 the client.

23 “(ii) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN TAX-  
24 EXEMPT ASSOCIATIONS.—In the case of an  
25 association that is described in paragraph

1 (3) of section 501(c) of the Internal Rev-  
2 enue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax  
3 under section 501(a) of such Code, the as-  
4 sociation (and not its members) shall be  
5 treated as the client.

6 “(iii) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN MEM-  
7 BERS.—Information on a member of a coa-  
8 lition or association need not be included  
9 in any registration under section 4 if the  
10 amount reasonably expected to be contrib-  
11 uted by such member toward the activities  
12 of the coalition or association of influ-  
13 encing legislation is less than \$500 during  
14 the quarterly period during which the reg-  
15 istration would be made.”.

16 **SEC. 207. DISCLOSURE BY REGISTERED LOBBYISTS OF**  
17 **PAST EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND CONGRES-**  
18 **SIONAL EMPLOYMENT.**

19 Section 4(b)(6) of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of  
20 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1603(b)(6)) is amended by striking “or  
21 a covered legislative branch official” and all that follows  
22 through “as a lobbyist on behalf of the client,” and insert-  
23 ing “or a covered legislative branch official,”.

1 **SEC. 208. PUBLIC DATABASE OF LOBBYING DISCLOSURE IN-**  
2 **FORMATION; MAINTENANCE OF INFORMA-**  
3 **TION.**

4 (a) DATABASE REQUIRED.—Section 6 of the Lob-  
5 bying Disclosure Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1605) is further  
6 amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (7), by striking “and” at the  
8 end;

9 (2) in paragraph (8), by striking the period at  
10 the end and inserting a semicolon; and

11 (3) by adding at the end the following new  
12 paragraphs:

13 “(9) maintain, and make available to the public  
14 over the Internet, without a fee or other access  
15 charge, in a searchable, sortable, and downloadable  
16 manner, an electronic database that—

17 “(A) includes the information contained in  
18 registrations and reports filed under this Act;

19 “(B) directly links the information it con-  
20 tains to the information disclosed in reports  
21 filed with the Federal Election Commission  
22 under section 304 of the Federal Election Cam-  
23 paign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 434); and

24 “(C) is searchable and sortable to the max-  
25 imum extent practicable, including searchable

1           and sortable by each of the categories of infor-  
2           mation described in section 4(b) or 5(b); and

3           “(10) retain the information contained in a reg-  
4           istration or report filed under this Act for a period  
5           of at least 6 years after the registration or report  
6           (as the case may be) is filed.”.

7           (b) AVAILABILITY OF REPORTS.—

8           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 6(4) of the Lobbying  
9           Disclosure Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1605) is amended  
10          by inserting before the semicolon at the end the fol-  
11          lowing: “and, in the case of a report filed in elec-  
12          tronic form pursuant to section 5(d), make such re-  
13          port available for public inspection over the Internet  
14          not more than 48 hours after the report is so filed”.

15          (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made  
16          by paragraph (1) shall take effect on the day after  
17          the end of the first calendar quarter that begins  
18          after the date of the enactment of this Act.

19          (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
20          are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be  
21          necessary to carry out paragraph (9) of section 6 of the  
22          Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1605), as  
23          added by subsection (a) of this section.

1 **SEC. 209. INAPPLICABILITY TO CERTAIN POLITICAL COM-**  
2 **MITTEES.**

3 The amendments made by this title shall not apply  
4 to the activities of any political committee described in sec-  
5 tion 301(4) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971  
6 (2 U.S.C. 431(4)).

7 **SEC. 210. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

8 Except as otherwise provided, the amendments made  
9 by this title shall apply with respect to any quarterly filing  
10 period under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 that  
11 begins on or after January 1, 2008.

12 **TITLE III—ENFORCEMENT OF**  
13 **LOBBYING RESTRICTIONS**

14 **SEC. 301. INCREASED CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR**  
15 **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH LOBBYING DIS-**  
16 **CLOSURE REQUIREMENTS.**

17 Section 7 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (2  
18 U.S.C. 1606) is amended—

19 (1) by striking “Whoever” and inserting “(a)  
20 CIVIL PENALTY.—Whoever”;

21 (2) by striking “\$50,000” and inserting  
22 “\$100,000”; and

23 (3) by adding at the end the following:

24 “(b) CRIMINAL PENALTY.—Whoever knowingly and  
25 corruptly fails to comply with any provision of this Act

1 shall be imprisoned for not more than 5 years or fined  
2 under title 18, United States Code, or both.”.

3 **TITLE IV—INCREASED**  
4 **DISCLOSURE**

5 **SEC. 401. PROHIBITION ON OFFICIAL CONTACT WITH**  
6 **SPOUSE OF MEMBER WHO IS A REGISTERED**  
7 **LOBBYIST.**

8 Rule XXV of the Rules of the House of Representa-  
9 tives is amended by adding at the end the following new  
10 clause:

11 “7. A Member, Delegate, or Resident Commis-  
12 sioner shall prohibit all staff employed by that Mem-  
13 ber, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner (including  
14 staff in personal, committee, and leadership offices)  
15 from having any official contact with that individ-  
16 ual’s spouse if that spouse is a lobbyist under the  
17 Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 or is employed or  
18 retained by such a lobbyist for the purpose of influ-  
19 encing legislation.”.

20 **SEC. 402. POSTING OF TRAVEL AND FINANCIAL DISCLO-**  
21 **SURE REPORTS ON PUBLIC WEBSITE OF**  
22 **CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-**  
23 **TIVES.**

24 (a) **REQUIRING POSTING ON INTERNET.**—The Clerk  
25 of the House of Representatives shall post on the public

1 Internet site of the Office of the Clerk each of the fol-  
2 lowing:

3 (1) The advance authorizations, certifications,  
4 and disclosures filed with respect to transportation,  
5 lodging, and related expenses for travel under clause  
6 5(b) of rule XXV of the Rules of the House of Rep-  
7 resentatives by Members (including Delegates and  
8 Resident Commissioners to the Congress), officers,  
9 and employees of the House.

10 (2) The reports filed under section 103(h)(1) of  
11 the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 by Members  
12 of the House of Representatives (including Delegates  
13 and Resident Commissioners to the Congress).

14 (b) APPLICABILITY AND TIMING.—

15 (1) APPLICABILITY.—Subject to paragraph (2),  
16 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to informa-  
17 tion received by the Clerk of the House of Rep-  
18 resentatives on or after the date of the enactment of  
19 this Act.

20 (2) TIMING.—The Clerk of the House of Rep-  
21 resentatives shall—

22 (A) not later than August 1, 2008, post  
23 the information required by subsection (a) that  
24 the Clerk receives by June 1, 2008; and

1           (B) not later than the end of each 45-day  
2           period occurring after information is required to  
3           be posted under subparagraph (A), post the in-  
4           formation required by subsection (a) that the  
5           Clerk has received since the last posting under  
6           this subsection.

7           (c) RETENTION.—The Clerk shall maintain the infor-  
8           mation posted on the public Internet site of the Office of  
9           the Clerk under this section for a period of at least 6 years  
10          after receiving the information.

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