

117TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 414

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 21, 2021

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

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## 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Public Service Integ-  
3 rity Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING BY FORMER MEM-**  
5 **BERS OF CONGRESS.**

6       (a) 5-YEAR POST-EMPLOYMENT BAN ON ALL LOB-  
7 BYING.—

8           (1) FORMER SENATORS.—Subparagraph (A) of  
9       section 207(e)(1) of title 18, United States Code, is  
10       amended by striking “within 2 years after that per-  
11       son leaves office” and inserting “within 5 years after  
12       that person leaves office”.

13           (2) FORMER MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REP-  
14       RESENTATIVES.—Paragraph (1) of section 207(e) of  
15       such title is amended by striking subparagraph (B)  
16       and inserting the following:

17           “(B) MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REP-  
18       RESENTATIVES.—Any person who is a Member  
19       of the House of Representatives and who, with-  
20       in 5 years after that person leaves office, know-  
21       ingly makes, with the intent to influence, any  
22       communication to or appearance before any  
23       Member, officer, or employee of either House of  
24       Congress and any employee of any other legisla-  
25       tive office of the Congress, on behalf of any  
26       other person (except the United States) in con-

1 nection with any matter on which such former  
2 Member seeks action by a Member, officer, or  
3 employee of either House of Congress, in his or  
4 her official capacity, shall be punished as pro-  
5 vided in section 216 of this title.

6 “(C) OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE OF REP-  
7 RESENTATIVES.—Any person who is an elected  
8 officer of the House of Representatives and  
9 who, within 1 year after that person leaves of-  
10 fice, knowingly makes, with the intent to influ-  
11 ence, any communication to or appearance be-  
12 fore any Member, officer, or employee of the  
13 House of Representatives, on behalf of any  
14 other person (except the United States) in con-  
15 nection with any matter on which such former  
16 elected officer seeks action by a Member, offi-  
17 cer, or employee of either House of Congress, in  
18 his or her official capacity, shall be punished as  
19 provided in section 216 of this title.”.

20 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
21 this section shall apply with respect to any individual who,  
22 on or after the date of the enactment of this Act, leaves  
23 an office to which section 207(e)(1) of title 18, United  
24 States Code, applies.

1 **SEC. 3. RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING BY FORMER OFFI-**  
2 **CERS AND EMPLOYEES OF CONGRESS.**

3 (a) 2-YEAR POST-EMPLOYMENT BAN ON ALL LOB-  
4 BYING.—

5 (1) FORMER OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE OF REP-  
6 REPRESENTATIVES.—Subparagraph (C) of section  
7 207(e)(1) of title 18, United States Code, as amend-  
8 ed by section 2(a)(2), is amended by striking “with-  
9 in 1 year” and inserting “within 2 years”.

10 (2) FORMER OFFICERS AND STAFF OF THE  
11 SENATE.—Paragraph (2) of section 207(e) of such  
12 title is amended by striking “within 1 year” and in-  
13 serting “within 2 years”.

14 (3) FORMER PERSONAL STAFF OF MEMBERS OF  
15 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—Paragraph  
16 (3)(A) of section 207(e) of such title is amended by  
17 striking “within 1 year” and inserting “within 2  
18 years”.

19 (4) FORMER COMMITTEE STAFF OF HOUSE OF  
20 REPRESENTATIVES.—Paragraph (4) of section  
21 207(e) of such title is amended by striking “within  
22 1 year” and inserting “within 2 years”.

23 (5) FORMER LEADERSHIP STAFF OF HOUSE OF  
24 REPRESENTATIVES.—Paragraph (5)(A) of section  
25 207(e) of such title is amended by striking “within  
26 1 year” and inserting “within 2 years”.

1           (6) FORMER STAFF OF OTHER LEGISLATIVE  
2           OFFICES OF CONGRESS.—Paragraph (6)(A) of sec-  
3           tion 207(e) of such title is amended by striking  
4           “within 1 year” and inserting “within 2 years”.

5           (b) LOWERING INCOME THRESHOLD FOR APPLICA-  
6           TION OF RESTRICTIONS.—Subparagraph (A) of section  
7           207(e)(7) of such title is amended by striking “75 percent  
8           of the rate of basic pay” and inserting “50 percent of the  
9           rate of basic pay”.

10          (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
11          this section shall apply with respect to any individual who,  
12          on or after the date of the enactment of this Act, leaves  
13          a position to which section 207(e) of title 18, United  
14          States Code, applies.

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