

117TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 8696

To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit the misrepresentation of actions on behalf of candidates, political parties, and political committees and organizations, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 9, 2022

Ms. PORTER (for herself and Mr. CRENSHAW) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Stop Scam PACs Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING MISREPRESENTATION OF ACTION.**

6 (a) COVERAGE OF ALL MISREPRESENTATION OF AC-  
7 TION ON BEHALF OF CANDIDATES, POLITICAL PARTIES,  
8 AND POLITICAL COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS.—

1 Section 322 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of  
2 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30124) is amended—

3 (1) in the heading, by striking “FRAUDULENT”;

4 (2) in subsection (a)—

5 (A) by striking “who is a candidate for  
6 Federal office or an employee or agent of such  
7 a candidate”; and

8 (B) in paragraph (1)—

9 (i) by striking “fraudulently”;

10 (ii) by striking “under his control”;

11 and

12 (iii) by striking “other candidate or  
13 political party or employee or agent thereof  
14 on a matter which is damaging to such  
15 other candidate or political party or em-  
16 ployee or agent thereof” and inserting  
17 “real, potential, spurious, or non-existent  
18 candidate, political party, or political com-  
19 mittee or organization, or employee or  
20 agent of any such candidate, political  
21 party, or political committee or organiza-  
22 tion”; and

23 (3) in subsection (b)—

24 (A) in the heading, by striking “FRAUDU-  
25 LENT”; and

1 (B) in paragraph (1)—

2 (i) by striking “fraudulently”; and

3 (ii) by striking “candidate or political  
4 party or employee or agent thereof for the  
5 purpose of soliciting contributions or dona-  
6 tions” and inserting “real, potential, spu-  
7 rious, or non-existent candidate, political  
8 party, or political committee or organiza-  
9 tion, or employee or agent of any such can-  
10 didate, political party, or political com-  
11 mittee or organization when soliciting  
12 money or any other thing of value”.

13 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
14 subsection (a) shall take effect upon the expiration of the  
15 90-day period which begins on the date of the enactment  
16 of this Act.

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