

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3741

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 4, 2025

Mrs. SYKES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Closing Bribery Loop-
5 holes Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION OF DEFINITION OF “OFFICIAL ACT”.**

7 Section 201(a)(3) of title 18, United States Code, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 “(3) the term ‘official act’—

1 “(A) means any act within the range of of-
2 ficial duty, and any decision, recommendation,
3 or action on any question, matter, cause, suit,
4 proceeding, or controversy, which may at any
5 time be pending, or which may by law be
6 brought before any public official, in such pub-
7 lic official’s official capacity or in such official’s
8 place of trust or profit; and

9 “(B) may be comprised of a single act,
10 more than one act, or a course of conduct to ef-
11 fect the official act, and may occur whether or
12 not it successfully achieves a desired outcome.”.

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