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H. R. 4658

To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit former Members of Congress from engaging in certain lobbying activities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota 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. PROHIBITION ON LOBBYING BY FORMER MEM-**
4 **BERS OF CONGRESS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 207(e) of title 18, United
6 States Code, is amended by striking paragraph (1) and
7 inserting the following:

8 “(1) MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND ELECTED
9 OFFICERS.—

1 “(A) MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.—(i) Any
2 person who is a Member of Congress and who,
3 after that person leaves office, knowingly
4 makes, with the intent to influence, any com-
5 munication to or appearance before any of the
6 persons described in clause (ii), on behalf of
7 any other person (except the United States) in
8 connection with any matter on which such
9 former Member of Congress seeks action by a
10 Member, officer, or employee of either House of
11 Congress, in his or her official capacity, shall be
12 punished as provided in section 216 of this title.

13 “(ii) The persons referred to in clause (i)
14 with respect to appearances or communications
15 by a former Member of Congress are any Mem-
16 ber, officer, or employee of either House of
17 Congress, and any employee of any other legis-
18 lative office of the Congress.

19 “(B) ELECTED OFFICERS.—(i) Any person
20 who is an elected officer of either House of
21 Congress and who, within 1 year after that per-
22 son leaves office, knowingly makes, with the in-
23 tent to influence, any communication to or ap-
24 pearance before any of the persons described in
25 clause (ii), on behalf of any other person (ex-

cept the United States) in connection with any matter on which such former Member of Congress or elected officer seeks action by a Member, officer, or employee of either House of Congress, in his or her official capacity, shall be punished as provided in section 216 of this title.

“(ii) The persons referred to in clause (i) with respect to appearances or communications by a former elected officer are any Member, officer, or employee of the House of Congress in which the elected officer served.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a)—

(1) shall apply only to persons whose service as a Member of Congress terminates on or after the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(2) shall apply to elected officers of either House of Congress as if such amendment were in effect on the day before such date of enactment.

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