

109TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2233

To reform and improve the regulation of lobbying and congressional ethics.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. FEINSTEIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

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 “Lobbyist Reform Act
5 of 2006”.

6 **SEC. 2. TWO-YEAR TOTAL BAN ON LOBBYING BY MEMBERS**
7 **OF CONGRESS AND EMPLOYEES OF CON-**
8 **GRESS.**

9 Subsection (e) of section 207 of title 18, United
10 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

1 “(e) RESTRICTIONS ON MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND
2 OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE LEGISLATIVE
3 BRANCH.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—

5 “(A) PROHIBITION.—Any person who is a
6 Member of Congress, an elected officer of either
7 House of Congress, or an employee of a House
8 of Congress and who, within 2 years after that
9 person leaves office, knowingly makes, with the
10 intent to influence, any communication to or
11 appearance before any of the persons described
12 in subparagraph (B), on behalf of any other
13 person (except the United States) in connection
14 with any matter on which such former Member
15 of Congress or elected officer seeks action by a
16 Member, officer, or employee of either House of
17 Congress, in his or her official capacity, shall be
18 punished as provided in section 216 of this title.

19 “(B) CONTACT PERSONS COVERED.—The
20 persons referred to in subparagraph (A) with
21 respect to appearances or communications are
22 any Member, officer, or employee of either
23 House of Congress, and any employee of any
24 other legislative office of Congress.

1 “(2) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this sub-
2 section—

3 “(A) a person is an employee of a House
4 of Congress if that person is an employee of the
5 Senate or an employee of the House of Rep-
6 resentatives;

7 “(B) the term ‘employee of the House of
8 Representatives’ means an employee of a Mem-
9 ber of the House of Representatives, an em-
10 ployee of a committee of the House of Rep-
11 resentatives, an employee of a joint committee
12 of Congress whose pay is disbursed by the Clerk
13 of the House of Representatives, and an em-
14 ployee on the leadership staff of the House of
15 Representatives;

16 “(C) the term ‘employee of the Senate’
17 means an employee of a Senator, an employee
18 of a committee of the Senate, an employee of a
19 joint committee of Congress whose pay is dis-
20 bursed by the Secretary of the Senate, and an
21 employee on the leadership staff of the Senate;

22 “(D) the term ‘Member of Congress’
23 means a Senator or a Member of the House of
24 Representatives; and

1 “(E) the term ‘Member of the House of
2 Representatives’ means a Representative in, or
3 a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, Con-
4 gress.”.

5 **SEC. 3. BAN ON GIFTS FROM LOBBYISTS.**

6 Paragraph 1(a)(2) of rule XXXV of the Standing
7 Rules of the Senate is amended by adding at the end the
8 following: “This clause shall not apply to a gift from a
9 lobbyist.”.

10 **SEC. 4. PROHIBITION ON PRIVATELY FUNDED TRAVEL.**

11 Paragraph 2(a)(1) of rule XXXV of the Standing
12 Rules of the Senate is amended by striking “an indi-
13 vidual” and inserting “an organization recognized under
14 section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986
15 that is not affiliated with any group that lobbies before
16 Congress”.

17 **SEC. 5. REGISTERED LOBBYISTS PROHIBITED FROM SERV-**
18 **ING ON AUTHORIZED POLITICAL COMMIT-**
19 **TEES.**

20 Subsection (d) of section 302 of the Federal Election
21 Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 432(e)) is amended by
22 adding at the end the following new paragraph:

23 “(6) No political committee may be designated as an
24 authorized committee if a person registered as a lobbyist

- 1 under section 4 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995
- 2 is formally affiliated with such committee.”.

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