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# H. R. 2402

To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide increased imprisonment for certain offenses by public officials.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2007

Mr. CARDOZA 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Public Official Ac-  
5 countability Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter D of chapter 227 of  
8 title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the  
9 end the following:

1 **“§ 3587. Increased imprisonment for certain offenses**  
2 **by public officials.**

3 “(a) GENERAL RULE.—In any Federal criminal case  
4 in which a public official is convicted of an offense against  
5 the United States—

6 “(1) consisting of conduct during the course of  
7 official duty, intended to enrich that official; and

8 “(2) involving bribery, fraud, extortion, or theft  
9 of public funds greater than \$10,000;

10 the sentencing judge may increase the sentence of impris-  
11 onment by an amount of up to 2 years. The sentencing  
12 judge may double the sentence of imprisonment that  
13 would otherwise be imposed in that case: *Provided, how-*  
14 *ever,* That in no instance may the sentencing judge be al-  
15 lowed to increase the sentence by more than 2 years.

16 “(b) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘public  
17 official’ means—

18 “(1) an elected official of the United States or  
19 of a State or local government;

20 “(2) a presidentially-appointed official; and

21 “(3) an official appointed to a State or local  
22 governmental office by an elected official of a State  
23 or local government.”.

24 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
25 at the beginning of subchapter D of chapter 227 of title

- 1 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
- 2 the following new item:

“3587. Increased imprisonment for certain offenses by public officials.”.

