

110TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 4121

To amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to prevent Government officials from accepting travel from persons having business before their agencies, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 8, 2007

Mr. CARNEY (for himself, Mr. SPACE, and Ms. DELAURO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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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 “Restoring Trust in  
5 Public Officials Act of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. ACCEPTANCE OF TRAVEL BY GOVERNMENT OFFI-**  
 2 **CIALS.**

3 The Ethics in Government Act of 1978 is amended  
 4 by adding at the end the following:

5 **“TITLE VI—ACCEPTANCE OF**  
 6 **TRAVEL BY GOVERNMENT OF-**  
 7 **FICIALS**

8 **“SEC. 601. ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN TRAVEL BY CERTAIN**  
 9 **GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS PROHIBITED.**

10 “(a) GENERALLY.—A covered official shall not accept  
 11 any travel paid for by a prohibited source. Nor shall an  
 12 agency accept a payment for travel that a covered official  
 13 may not accept under this section.

14 “(b) SANCTIONS.—The prohibition of this title shall  
 15 be enforced in the same manner as the prohibitions of title  
 16 V, and a violation of a prohibition of this title shall be  
 17 subject to the same sanctions as a violation of that title.

18 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this title—

19 “(1) the term ‘covered official’ means a person  
 20 described in section 207(c)(2)(A) of title 18, United  
 21 States Code; and

22 “(2) the term ‘prohibited source’ means any  
 23 person who—

24 “(A) is seeking official action by the cov-  
 25 ered official’s agency;

1 “(B) does business or seeks to do business  
2 with the covered official’s agency;

3 “(C) conducts activities regulated by the  
4 covered official’s agency;

5 “(D) has interests that may be substan-  
6 tially affected by the performance or non-  
7 performance of the covered official’s official du-  
8 ties; or

9 “(E) is an organization a majority of  
10 whose members are described in any of para-  
11 graphs (A) through (D).”.

12 **SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO TITLE 31, UNITED**  
13 **STATES CODE.**

14 Section 1353(a) of title 31, United States Code, is  
15 amended by inserting “, consistent with title VI of the  
16 Ethics in Government Act of 1978,” after “shall prescribe  
17 by regulation”.

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