

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1480

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BENNET 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 “Lobbying and Cam-
5 paign Finance Reform Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON BUNDLED CONTRIBUTIONS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 315(a) of the Federal
8 Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30116) is
9 amended by adding at the end the following new para-
10 graph:

1 “(10) For purposes of paragraph (1), any bun-
 2 dled contribution (as defined in section 304(i)(8))
 3 forwarded by a person described in section 304(i)(7)
 4 to a committee described in section 304(i)(6) shall
 5 be treated both as a contribution made by the per-
 6 son forwarding such contribution and as a contribu-
 7 tion made by the contributor.”.

8 (b) DEFINITION OF BUNDLED CONTRIBUTION.—
 9 Clause (ii) of section 304(i)(A) of such Act is amended
 10 by inserting “(whether in writing or otherwise)” after
 11 “other means”.

12 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amendment made by
 14 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the en-
 15 actment of this Act.

16 (2) DEFINITION OF BUNDLED CONTRIBU-
 17 TION.—The amendment made by subsection (b)
 18 shall take effect 90 days after the date of the enact-
 19 ment of this Act.

20 **SEC. 3. LOBBYIST REGISTRATION REFORMS.**

21 Section 3(10) of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995
 22 (2 U.S.C. 1602(10)) is amended by striking “contact,
 23 other than” and all that follows through “3-month pe-
 24 riod.” and inserting “contact over a 2-year period.”.

1 **SEC. 4. BAN ON SOLICITING CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS**
 2 **FROM REGISTERED LOBBYISTS.**

3 Title III of the Federal Election Campaign Act of
 4 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30101 et seq.) is amended by adding at
 5 the end the following new section:

6 **“SEC. 325. SOLICITATIONS OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS.**

7 “(a) SENATE.—A candidate for the office of Senator,
 8 an individual holding the office of Senator, an agent of
 9 such a candidate or an individual holding such office, or
 10 an entity directly or indirectly established, financed, main-
 11 tained, or controlled by or acting on behalf of 1 or more
 12 such candidates or individuals holding such office may not
 13 solicit from any registered lobbyist funds in connection
 14 with any election for the office of Senator during any pe-
 15 riod in which the Senate is in session.

16 “(b) HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—A candidate
 17 for Representative to, or Representative in, or Delegate
 18 or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress, an individual
 19 holding such an office, an agent of a candidate or an indi-
 20 vidual holding such an office, or an entity directly or indi-
 21 rectly established, financed, maintained, or controlled by
 22 or acting on behalf of 1 or more such candidates or indi-
 23 viduals holding such an office may not solicit from any
 24 registered lobbyist funds in connection with any election
 25 for Representative to, or Representative in, or Delegate

1 or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress during any pe-
2 riod in which the House of Representatives is in session.

3 “(c) REGISTERED LOBBYIST.—For purposes of this
4 section, the term ‘registered lobbyist’ means any person
5 who is described in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of sec-
6 tion 304(i)(7).

7 “(d) DETERMINATION OF WHEN BODY IS IN SES-
8 SION.—For purposes of this section, the Senate or House
9 of Representatives shall be considered to be in session dur-
10 ing any period unless such body has adjourned for, or is
11 in recess for, a period of 10 calendar days or longer.”.

