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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. GILLIBRAND 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 “Connecting Lobbyists
5 and Electeds for Accountability and Reform Act” or the
6 “CLEAR Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING DISCLOSURE IN CERTAIN REPORTS**
 2 **FILED WITH FEDERAL ELECTION COMMIS-**
 3 **SION OF PERSONS WHO ARE REGISTERED**
 4 **LOBBYISTS.**

5 (a) REPORTS FILED BY POLITICAL COMMITTEES.—
 6 Section 304(b) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of
 7 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30104(b)) is amended—

8 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
 9 (7);

10 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
 11 graph (8) and inserting “; and”; and

12 (3) by adding at the end the following new
 13 paragraph:

14 “(9) if any person identified in subparagraph
 15 (A), (E), (F), or (G) of paragraph (3) is a registered
 16 lobbyist under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995,
 17 a separate statement that such person is a reg-
 18 istered lobbyist under such Act.”.

19 (b) REPORTS FILED BY PERSONS MAKING INDE-
 20 PENDENT EXPENDITURES.—Section 304(c)(2) of such
 21 Act (52 U.S.C. 30104(c)(2)) is amended—

22 (1) by striking “and” at the end of subpara-
 23 graph (B);

24 (2) by striking the period at the end of sub-
 25 paragraph (C) and inserting “; and”; and

1 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
2 paragraph:

3 “(D) if the person filing the statement, or a
4 person whose identification is required to be dis-
5 closed under subparagraph (C), is a registered lob-
6 byist under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, a
7 separate statement that such person is a registered
8 lobbyist under such Act.”.

9 (c) REPORTS FILED BY PERSONS MAKING DIS-
10 BURSEMENTS FOR ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICA-
11 TIONS.—Section 304(f)(2) of such Act (52 U.S.C.
12 30104(f)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
13 lowing new subparagraph:

14 “(G) If the person making the disburse-
15 ment, or a contributor described in subpara-
16 graph (E) or (F), is a registered lobbyist under
17 the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, a sepa-
18 rate statement that such person or contributor
19 is a registered lobbyist under such Act.”.

20 (d) REQUIRING COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH LINK TO
21 WEBSITES OF THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE AND THE SEC-
22 RETARY OF THE SENATE.—Section 304 of such Act (52
23 U.S.C. 30104) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
24 lowing new subsection:

1 “(j) REQUIRING INFORMATION ON REGISTERED
2 LOBBYISTS TO BE LINKED TO WEBSITES OF THE CLERK
3 OF THE HOUSE AND THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE.—

4 “(1) LINKS TO WEBSITES.—The Commission
5 shall ensure that the Commission’s public database
6 containing information described in paragraph (2) is
7 linked electronically to the websites maintained by
8 the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the
9 House of Representatives containing information
10 filed pursuant to the Lobbying Disclosure Act of
11 1995.

12 “(2) INFORMATION DESCRIBED.—The informa-
13 tion described in this paragraph is each of the fol-
14 lowing:

15 “(A) Information disclosed under para-
16 graph (9) of subsection (b).

17 “(B) Information disclosed under subpara-
18 graph (D) of subsection (c)(2).

19 “(C) Information disclosed under subpara-
20 graph (G) of subsection (f)(2).”.

21 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

22 The amendments made by this Act shall apply with
23 respect to reports required to be filed under the Federal
24 Election Campaign Act of 1971 on or after the expiration

1 of the 90-day period which begins on the date of the enact-
2 ment of this Act.

