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To create a Lobbying Disclosure Act Task Force, and to make certain modifications to the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. QUIGLEY (for himself and Mr. POLIS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 Disclosure
5 Enhancement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATIONS TO ENFORCEMENT.**

7 (a) LOBBYING DISCLOSURE ACT TASK FORCE.—

8 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Attorney General
9 shall establish the Lobbying Disclosure Act Enforce-

1 ment Task Force (in this subsection referred to as
2 the “Task Force”).

3 (2) FUNCTIONS.—The Task Force—

4 (A) shall have primary responsibility for
5 investigating and prosecuting each case referred
6 to the Attorney General under section 6(a)(8)
7 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (2
8 U.S.C. 1605(a)(8));

9 (B) shall collect and disseminate informa-
10 tion with respect to the enforcement of the Lob-
11 bying Disclosure Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1601 et
12 seq.);

13 (C) shall audit, at a minimum on an an-
14 nual basis, and as frequently as deemed nec-
15 essary by the Task Force, the extent of compli-
16 ance or noncompliance with the requirements of
17 the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 by lobby-
18 ists, lobbying firms, and registrants under that
19 Act through a random sampling of lobbying
20 registrations and reports filed under that Act
21 during each calendar year; and

22 (D) shall establish, publicize, and operate a
23 toll-free telephone number to serve as a hotline
24 for members of the public to report noncompli-
25 ance with lobbyist disclosure requirements

1 under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995,
2 and shall develop a mechanism to allow mem-
3 bers of the public to report such noncompliance
4 online.

5 (b) REFERRAL OF CASES TO THE ATTORNEY GEN-
6 ERAL.—Section 6(a) of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of
7 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1605(a)) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (8), by striking “United
9 States Attorney for the District of Columbia” and
10 inserting “Attorney General”; and

11 (2) in paragraph (11), by striking “United
12 States Attorney for the District of Columbia” and
13 inserting “Attorney General”.

14 (c) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVED ENFORCE-
15 MENT.—The Attorney General may make recommenda-
16 tions to Congress with respect to—

17 (1) the enforcement of and compliance with the
18 Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995; and

19 (2) the need for resources available for the en-
20 hanced enforcement of the Lobbying Disclosure Act
21 of 1995.

22 (d) INFORMATION IN ENFORCEMENT REPORTS.—
23 Section 6(b)(1) of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995
24 (2 U.S.C. 1605(b)(1)) is amended by striking “by case”
25 and all that follows through “public record” and inserting

1 “by case and name of the individual lobbyists or lobbying
2 firms involved, any sentences imposed”.

3 **SEC. 3. DEFINITION OF LOBBYIST.**

4 Section 3(10) of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995
5 (2 U.S.C. 1602(10)) is amended by striking “, other than
6 an individual” and all that follows through “period”.

7 **SEC. 4. EXPEDITED ONLINE REGISTRATION OF LOBBYISTS;
8 EXPANSION OF REGISTRANTS.**

9 Section 4(a)(1) of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of
10 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1603(a)(1)) is amended—

11 (1) by striking “45 days” and inserting “5
12 days”;

13 (2) by striking “, or on the first business day
14 after such 45th day if such 45th day is not a busi-
15 ness day,” and inserting “, or on the first business
16 day occurring after such 5th day if such 5th day
17 does not occur on a business day,”; and

18 (3) by inserting “online” after “shall register”.

19 **SEC. 5. DISCLOSURE OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BY
20 LOBBYISTS.**

21 Section 5(b)(2)(A) of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of
22 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1604(b)(2)(A)) is amended—

23 (1) by striking “(A)” and inserting “(A)(i)”;

24 (2) by adding “and” after the semicolon; and

25 (3) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(ii) for each issue listed under clause (i),
2 a list identifying—

3 “(I) each covered executive branch of-
4 ficial with whom the lobbyist engaged in
5 lobbying activities;

6 “(II) each covered legislative branch
7 official with whom the lobbyist engaged in
8 lobbying activities and—

9 “(aa) if the official is an em-
10 ployee of a Member of Congress, the
11 name of that Member of Congress; or

12 “(bb) if the official is an em-
13 ployee described in clause (ii), (iii),
14 (iv), or (v) of section 3(4), the name
15 of the Member or Members of Con-
16 gress who hired the official or for
17 whom the official performs duties as
18 such official; and

19 “(III) the date of each lobbying con-
20 tact;”.

21 **SEC. 6. DISCLOSURE OF POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS.**

22 Section 5(d)(1) of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of
23 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1604(d)(1)) is amended—

24 (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),
25 by striking “30 days after” and all that follows

1 through “30th day is not” and inserting “20 days
2 after the end of the quarterly period beginning on
3 the first day of January, April, July, and October of
4 each year, or on the first business day after such
5 20th day if such 20th day is not”; and

6 (2) by striking “semiannual period” each place
7 it appears and inserting “quarterly period”.

8 **SEC. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

9 (a) SECTION 2.—Section 2 and the amendments
10 made by that section take effect upon the expiration of
11 the 90-day period beginning on the date of the enactment
12 of this Act.

13 (b) AMENDMENTS.—The amendments made by sec-
14 tions 3, 4, 5, and 6 take effect on the first day of the
15 first quarterly period described in section 5(a) of the Lob-
16 bying Disclosure Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1604(a)) that be-
17 gins after the end of the 90-day period beginning on the
18 date of the enactment of this Act.

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