

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2259

To amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen the post-employment restrictions for Members of Congress.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 5, 2009

Ms. KOSMAS (for herself and Mr. POSEY) 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 “Stop the Revolving
5 Door in Washington Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. POST-EMPLOYMENT RESTRICTIONS FOR MEMBERS**
7 **OF CONGRESS.**

8 Section 207(e) of title 18, United States Code, is
9 amended by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the fol-
10 lowing:

1 “(1) MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND ELECTED
2 OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE.—

3 “(A) MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.—Any per-
4 son who is a Member of Congress and who,
5 within 2 years after that person leaves office,
6 knowingly makes, with the intent to influence,
7 any communication to or appearance before any
8 Member, officer, or employee of either House of
9 Congress or any employee of any other legisla-
10 tive office of the Congress, on behalf of any
11 other person (except the United States) in con-
12 nection with any matter on which such former
13 Member of Congress seeks action by a Member,
14 officer, or employee of either House of Con-
15 gress, in his or her official capacity, shall be
16 punished as provided in section 216 of this title.

17 “(B) OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE.—Any per-
18 son who is an elected officer of the House of
19 Representatives and who, within 1 year after
20 that person leaves office, knowingly makes, with
21 the intent to influence, any communication to
22 or appearance before any Member, officer, or
23 employee of the House of Representatives, on
24 behalf of any other person (except the United
25 States) in connection with any matter on which

1 such former elected officer seeks action by a
2 Member, officer, or employee of either House of
3 Congress, in his or her official capacity, shall be
4 punished as provided in section 216 of this
5 title.”.

6 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

7 The amendment made by section 1 shall apply to in-
8 dividuals who leave office or employment to which such
9 amendments apply on or after the date of the enactment
10 of this Act.

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