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H. R. 567

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISRAEL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To provide that a former Member of Congress receiving compensation as a highly-paid lobbyist shall be ineligible to receive certain Federal retirement benefits, and for other purposes.

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 “Revolving Door Pen-
5 sion Prevention Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FORFEITURE OF BENEFITS FOR ANY FORMER MEM-**
2 **BER OF CONGRESS WHO BECOMES A HIGHLY-**
3 **PAID LOBBYIST.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
5 sion of law, a former Member of Congress may not be paid
6 any covered benefit if such former Member is—

7 (1) a registered lobbyist; and

8 (2) receives in any year annual compensation
9 equal to or greater than \$1,000,000 as a direct re-
10 sult of lobbying activities.

11 (b) FORMER MEMBER OF CONGRESS.—For purposes
12 of this section, the term “former Member of Congress”
13 means any Member of Congress who becomes a former
14 Member of Congress after the date of enactment of this
15 Act.

16 (c) COVERED BENEFITS.—For purposes of this sec-
17 tion, the term “covered benefits”, as used with respect to
18 a former Member of Congress, means any payment or
19 other benefit which is payable, by virtue of service per-
20 formed by such former Member, under any of the fol-
21 lowing:

22 (1) The Civil Service Retirement System, in-
23 cluding the Thrift Savings Plan.

24 (2) The Federal Employees Retirement System,
25 including the Thrift Savings Plan.

1 (3) The Federal Employees Health Benefits
2 Program, including enhanced dental benefits and en-
3 hanced vision benefits under chapters 89A and 89B,
4 respectively, of title 5, United States Code.

5 (d) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
6 tion shall be considered to prevent the payment of—

7 (1) any lump-sum credit, as defined by section
8 8331(8) or 8401(19) of title 5, United States Code,
9 to which a former Member of Congress subject to
10 subsection (a) is entitled;

11 (2) any contributions in the account of a former
12 Member of Congress subject to subsection (a) in the
13 Thrift Savings Fund which, as of the date on which
14 subsection (a) applies to a former Member, is non-
15 forfeitable; or

16 (3) any annuity payments with respect to an
17 annuity of a former Member of Congress subject to
18 subsection (a) to a former spouse or survivor who is
19 entitled to such payments.

20 (e) APPLICATION.—Any forfeiture of an annuity
21 under subsection (a) shall be effective on January 1 of
22 the year immediately following any year, beginning in
23 2016, in which the former Member of Congress receives
24 annual compensation equal to or greater than \$1,000,000.

1 (f) REGULATIONS.—Any regulations necessary to
2 carry out this section may be prescribed by—

3 (1) except as provided in paragraph (2), the Di-
4 rector of the Office of Personnel Management; and

5 (2) to the extent that this Act relates to the
6 Thrift Savings Plan, by the Executive Director (as
7 defined by section 8401(13) of title 5, United States
8 Code).

9 (g) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this Act—

10 (1) the terms “agency”, “client”, “covered execu-
11 tive branch official”, “covered legislative branch of-
12 ficial”, “lobbyist”, “lobbying activities”, and “lob-
13 bying contact”, have the meaning given such terms
14 in section 3 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995
15 (2 U.S.C. 1602);

16 (2) the term “Member of Congress” has the
17 meaning given such term in section 2106 of title 5,
18 United States Code; and

19 (3) the term “registered lobbyist” means a lob-
20 byist registered or required to register, or on whose
21 behalf a registration is filed or required to be filed,
22 under section 4 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of
23 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1603).

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