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# H. R. 7969

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. TENNEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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 “Don’t Quit to Lobby  
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMMENCEMENT OF PERIOD DURING WHICH**  
2 **FORMER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ARE PRO-**  
3 **HIBITED FROM LOBBYING.**

4 (a) COMMENCEMENT UPON EXPIRATION OF  
5 TERM.—

6 (1) SENATORS.—Section 207(e)(1)(A) of title  
7 18, United States Code, is amended by striking  
8 “within 2 years after that person leaves office” and  
9 inserting “within 2 years after the expiration of the  
10 term for which the person was elected or appointed”.

11 (2) MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE.—Section  
12 207(e)(1)(B) of such title is amended by striking  
13 “within 1 year after that person leaves office” and  
14 inserting “within 1 year after that person leaves of-  
15 fice or, in the case of a Member, within 1 year after  
16 the expiration of the term for which the Member was  
17 elected”.

18 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
19 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to an individual  
20 who leaves the office of Senator or Representative in, or  
21 Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress on  
22 or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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