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H. R. 1442

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability

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 “No Pensions for Lying
5 Bureaucrats Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FORFEITURE OF FEDERAL RETIREMENT BENEFITS**
2 **FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES CONVICTED OF**
3 **MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS BEFORE CON-**
4 **GRESS.**

5 (a) FORFEITURE.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 8312 of title 5,
7 United States Code, is amended—

8 (A) in subsection (a)—

9 (i) by striking “or” at the end of
10 paragraph (1), by striking the period at
11 the end of paragraph (2) and inserting “;
12 or”, and by adding after paragraph (2) the
13 following:

14 “(3) was convicted, on or after the date of the
15 enactment of this paragraph, of an offense described
16 in subsection (e), to the extent provided by that sub-
17 section.”; and

18 (ii) in the matter following paragraph
19 (3) (as added by subparagraph (A) of this
20 subsection), by striking “and” at the end
21 of subparagraph (A), by striking the period
22 at the end of subparagraph (B) and insert-
23 ing “; and”, and by adding after subpara-
24 graph (B) the following:

1 “(C) with respect to an offense described in
2 subsection (e), to the period after the date of convic-
3 tion.”; and

4 (B) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(e)(1) An offense to which subsection (a)(3) applies
6 is any offense within the purview of section 1001 (relating
7 to false statements) of title 18, but only if every act or
8 omission of the individual that is needed to satisfy the ele-
9 ments of the offense—

10 “(A) is committed after the date of enactment
11 of this subsection;

12 “(B) directly relates to the performance of the
13 individual’s official duties as an employee; and

14 “(C) is committed while giving testimony before
15 a committee of Congress.

16 “(2) Notwithstanding the definition of the term ‘em-
17 ployee’ in section 8311, in this subsection the term ‘em-
18 ployee’—

19 “(A) has the meaning given that term in sec-
20 tion 2105; and

21 “(B) includes any employee of the United
22 States Postal Service or Postal Regulatory Commis-
23 sion and any employee appointed under chapter 73
24 or 74 of title 38, notwithstanding section 7425(b) of
25 that title.”.

1 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
2 8311(1) of title 5, United States Code, is amended
3 by inserting “except as provided in section 8312(e),”
4 before “‘employee’”.

5 (b) ABSENCE FROM THE UNITED STATES TO AVOID
6 PROSECUTION.—Section 8313(a)(1) of title 5, United
7 States Code, is amended by striking “or” at the end of
8 subparagraph (A), by striking “and” at the end of sub-
9 paragraph (B) and inserting “or”, and by adding at the
10 end the following:

11 “(C) after the date of the enactment of
12 this subparagraph, for an offense described in
13 section 8312(e); and”.

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