

118TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 1601

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 14, 2023

Mr. NUNN of Iowa 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 “Ban Members from  
5 Becoming Lobbyists Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN LENGTH OF POST-EMPLOYMENT BAN**  
2 **ON LOBBYING OF CONGRESS BY FORMER**  
3 **MEMBERS.**

4 (a) LENGTH OF POST-EMPLOYMENT BAN.—

5 (1) 6-YEAR BAN FOR FORMER SENATORS.—

6 Subparagraph (A) of section 207(e)(1) of title 18,  
7 United States Code, is amended by striking “within  
8 2 years after that person leaves office” and inserting  
9 “within 6 years after that person leaves office”.

10 (2) 3-YEAR BAN FOR FORMER MEMBERS OF  
11 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—Paragraph (1)  
12 of section 207(e) of such title is amended by striking  
13 subparagraph (B) and inserting the following:

14 “(B) MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REP-  
15 RESENTATIVES.—Any person who is a Member  
16 of the House of Representatives and who, with-  
17 in 3 years after that person leaves office, know-  
18 ingly makes, with the intent to influence, any  
19 communication to or appearance before any  
20 Member, officer, or employee of either House of  
21 Congress and any employee of any other legisla-  
22 tive office of the Congress, on behalf of any  
23 other person (except the United States) in con-  
24 nection with any matter on which such former  
25 Member seeks action by a Member, officer, or  
26 employee of either House of Congress, in his or

1 her official capacity, shall be punished as pro-  
2 vided in section 216 of this title.

3 “(C) OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE OF REP-  
4 RESENTATIVES.—Any person who is an elected  
5 officer of the House of Representatives and  
6 who, within 1 year after that person leaves of-  
7 fice, knowingly makes, with the intent to influ-  
8 ence, any communication to or appearance be-  
9 fore any Member, officer, or employee of the  
10 House of Representatives, on behalf of any  
11 other person (except the United States) in con-  
12 nection with any matter on which such former  
13 elected officer seeks action by a Member, offi-  
14 cer, or employee of either House of Congress, in  
15 his or her official capacity, shall be punished as  
16 provided in section 216 of this title.”.

17 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
18 this section shall apply with respect to any individual who,  
19 on or after the date of the enactment of this Act, leaves  
20 an office to which section 207(e)(1) of title 18, United  
21 States Code, applies.

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