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H. R. 783

To amend the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to expand the scope of individuals and activities which are subject to the requirements of such Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROSE of New York 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 “Lobbyist Loophole Clo-
5 sure Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANDING SCOPE OF INDIVIDUALS AND ACTIVI-**
2 **TIES SUBJECT TO REQUIREMENTS OF LOB-**
3 **BYING DISCLOSURE ACT OF 1995.**

4 (a) COVERAGE OF INDIVIDUALS PROVIDING LEGIS-
5 LATIVE, POLITICAL, AND STRATEGIC COUNSELING SERV-
6 ICES.—

7 (1) TREATMENT OF LEGISLATIVE, POLITICAL,
8 AND STRATEGIC COUNSELING SERVICES IN SUPPORT
9 OF LOBBYING CONTACTS AS LOBBYING ACTIVITY.—
10 Section 3(7) of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995
11 (2 U.S.C. 1602(7)) is amended—

12 (A) by striking “efforts” and inserting
13 “any efforts”; and

14 (B) by striking “research and other back-
15 ground work” and inserting the following: “leg-
16 islative, political, and strategic counseling serv-
17 ices, research, and other background work”.

18 (2) TREATMENT OF LOBBYING CONTACT MADE
19 WITH SUPPORT OF LEGISLATIVE, POLITICAL, AND
20 STRATEGIC COUNSELING SERVICES AS LOBBYING
21 CONTACT MADE BY INDIVIDUAL PROVIDING SERV-
22 ICES.—Section 3(8) of such Act (2 U.S.C. 1602(8))
23 is amended by adding at the end the following new
24 subparagraph:

25 “(C) TREATMENT OF PROVIDERS OF LEG-
26 ISLATIVE, POLITICAL, AND STRATEGIC COUN-

1 SELING SERVICES.—Any individual who for fi-
2 nancial or other compensation provides legisla-
3 tive, political, and strategic counseling services
4 which are treated as lobbying activity under
5 paragraph (7), and which are used in support
6 of a lobbying contact under this paragraph
7 which is made by another individual, shall be
8 considered to have made the same lobbying con-
9 tact at the same time and in the same manner
10 to the covered executive branch official or cov-
11 ered legislative branch official involved.”.

12 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
13 this section shall apply with respect to lobbying contacts
14 made on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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