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# H. R. 195

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Governmental Affairs

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## AN ACT

To amend title 44, United States Code, to restrict the distribution of free printed copies of the Federal Register to Members of Congress and other officers and employees of the United States, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Federal Register Print-  
3 ing Savings Act of 2017”.

4 **SEC. 2. RESTRICTIONS ON DISTRIBUTION OF FREE PRINT-**  
5 **ED COPIES OF FEDERAL REGISTER TO MEM-**  
6 **BERS OF CONGRESS AND FEDERAL EMPLOY-**  
7 **EES.**

8       (a) RESTRICTIONS.—Section 1506 of title 44, United  
9 States Code, is amended—

10           (1) by striking “The Administrative Com-  
11 mittee” and inserting “(a) COMPOSITION; DUTIES.—  
12 The Administrative Committee”;

13           (2) in subsection (a)(4), by striking “the num-  
14 ber of copies” and inserting “subject to subsection  
15 (b), the number of copies”; and

16           (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
17 section:

18       “(b) RESTRICTIONS ON DISTRIBUTION OF FREE  
19 PRINTED COPIES TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND OFFI-  
20 CERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE UNITED STATES.—

21           “(1) PROHIBITING SUBSCRIPTION TO PRINTED  
22 COPIES WITHOUT REQUEST.—Under the regulations  
23 prescribed to carry out subsection (a)(4), the Direc-  
24 tor of the Government Publishing Office may not  
25 provide a printed copy of the Federal Register with-

1 out charge to any Member of Congress or any other  
2 office of the United States during a year unless—

3 “(A) the Member or office requests a  
4 printed copy of a specific issue of the Federal  
5 Register; or

6 “(B) during that year or during the pre-  
7 vious year, the Member or office requested a  
8 subscription to printed copies of the Federal  
9 Register for that year, as described in para-  
10 graph (2).

11 “(2) ADMINISTRATION OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.—

12 The regulations prescribed to carry out subsection  
13 (a)(4) shall include—

14 “(A) provisions regarding notifications to  
15 offices of Members of Congress and other of-  
16 fices of the United States of the restrictions of  
17 paragraph (1);

18 “(B) provisions describing the process by  
19 which Members and other offices may request a  
20 specific issue of the Federal Register for pur-  
21 poses of paragraph (1)(A); and

22 “(C) provisions describing the process by  
23 which Members and other offices may request a  
24 subscription to the Federal Register for pur-  
25 poses of paragraph (1)(B), except that such

1 regulations shall limit the period for such a  
2 subscription to not longer than 1 year.”.

3 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
4 subsection (a) shall take effect January 1, 2018.

Passed the House of Representatives May 17, 2017.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,  
*Clerk.*