

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4522

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 1, 2017

Mrs. LOVE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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 “Stop Taxpayers Obli-
5 gations to Perpetrators of Sexual Harassment Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR PAY-**
2 **MENT OF SETTLEMENTS AND AWARDS**
3 **UNDER CONGRESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY**
4 **ACT IN SEXUAL HARASSMENT CLAIMS IN-**
5 **VOLVING MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.**

6 (a) PROHIBITION.—Section 415 of the Congressional
7 Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1415) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “subsection
9 (c)” and inserting “subsections (c) and (d)”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
11 section:

12 “(d) NO USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR PAYMENTS OF
13 AWARDS AND SETTLEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH ACTS
14 OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT COMMITTED BY MEMBERS OF
15 CONGRESS.—No funds of the Treasury of the United
16 States may be used for the payment of an award or settle-
17 ment under this Act in connection with a violation of sec-
18 tion 201(a)(1) if the violation consists of an act of sexual
19 harassment committed personally by a Member of the
20 House of Representatives (including a Delegate or Resi-
21 dent Commissioner to the Congress) or a Senator.”.

22 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
23 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to settlements and
24 awards paid on or after the date of the enactment of this
25 Act.