

115TH CONGRESS
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S. 1195

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.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 22, 2017

Mr. PORTMAN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 “Federal Register Print-
5 ing Savings Act of 2017”.

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

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

7 (1) by striking “The Administrative Com-
8 mittee” and inserting “(a) COMPOSITION; DUTIES.—
9 The Administrative Committee”;

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

13 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
14 section:

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

18 “(1) PROHIBITING SUBSCRIPTION TO PRINTED
19 COPIES WITHOUT REQUEST.—Under the regulations
20 prescribed to carry out subsection (a)(4), the Direc-
21 tor of the Government Publishing Office may not
22 provide a printed copy of the Federal Register with-
23 out charge to any Member of Congress or any other
24 office of the United States during a year unless—

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

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

9 “(2) ADMINISTRATION OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.—
10 The regulations prescribed to carry out subsection
11 (a)(4) shall include—

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

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

20 “(C) provisions describing the process by
21 which Members and other offices may request a
22 subscription to the Federal Register for pur-
23 poses of paragraph (1)(B), except that such
24 regulations shall limit the period for such a
25 subscription to not longer than 1 year.”.

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

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