

115TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 3454

To prohibit Members of Congress from lobbying after leaving Congress.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

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

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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 “Congressional Revolv-  
5 ing Door Ban Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. LOBBYING FOR COMPENSATION BAN.**

7 (a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to prohibit  
8 Members of Congress from lobbying for compensation  
9 after leaving Congress.

10 (b) PROHIBITION.—No individual serving as a Mem-  
11 ber of Congress on or after the date of enactment of this

1 Act shall, upon the completion of the Member's term of  
2 office, accept compensation for offering any advice or en-  
3 gaging in written or oral communication with regard to—

4 (1) the formulation, modification, or adoption  
5 of Federal legislation (including legislative pro-  
6 posals);

7 (2) the formulation, modification, or adoption  
8 of a Federal rule, regulation, Executive order, or any  
9 other program, policy, or position of the United  
10 States Government;

11 (3) the administration or execution of a Federal  
12 program or policy (including the negotiation, award,  
13 or administration of a Federal contract, grant, loan,  
14 permit, or license);

15 (4) the nomination or confirmation of an indi-  
16 vidual for a position subject to confirmation by the  
17 Senate; or

18 (5) the representation of any party in a pending  
19 matter involving the Federal Government before a  
20 Federal court or in a Federal administrative pro-  
21 ceeding.

22 (c) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (b) shall not apply to  
23 full-time employment by or elected service in Federal,  
24 State, or local government, unless the activities described

1 in that subsection constitute a primary responsibility of  
2 employment.

3 (d) PENALTY.—Whoever violates this section shall be  
4 fined the greater of not greater than \$1,000,000 or the  
5 value of the compensation received by the individual, im-  
6 prisoned for not more than 5 years, or both.

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