H. R. 783

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 24, 2019

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”.

SEC. 2. EXPANDING SCOPE OF INDIVIDUALS AND ACTIVITIES SUBJECT TO REQUIREMENTS OF LOBBYING DISCLOSURE ACT OF 1995.

(a) COVERAGE OF INDIVIDUALS PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE, POLITICAL, AND STRATEGIC COUNSELING SERVICES.—

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

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

(B) by striking “research and other background work” and inserting the following: “legislative, political, and strategic counseling services, research, and other background work”.

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

“(C) TREATMENT OF PROVIDERS OF LEGISLATIVE, POLITICAL, AND STRATEGIC COUNSELING SERVICES.”
SELING SERVICES.—Any individual who for financial or other compensation provides legislative, political, and strategic counseling services which are treated as lobbying activity under paragraph (7), and which are used in support of a lobbying contact under this paragraph which is made by another individual, shall be considered to have made the same lobbying contact at the same time and in the same manner to the covered executive branch official or covered legislative branch official involved.”.

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

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