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To amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish
a Federal standard relating to a two-year lobbying ban.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HARDER of California introduced the following bill; which was referred
to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978
to establish a Federal standard relating to a two-year
lobbying ban.

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 “End PG&E Lobbying
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONSIDERATION OF STANDARD FOR TWO-YEAR**
7 **LOBBYING BAN.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 111(d) of the Public Util-
9 ity Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2621(d))
10 is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(22) TWO-YEAR LOBBYING BAN FOR FORMER
 2 MEMBER OF STATE REGULATORY AUTHORITY.—A
 3 person who is a former member of a State regu-
 4 latory authority may not, during the period of 2
 5 years beginning on the date on which such member-
 6 ship terminated—

7 “(A) appear, lobby, or practice before such
 8 State regulatory authority to—

9 “(i) influence a decision of, or action
 10 by, such State regulatory authority; or

11 “(ii) gain information from such State
 12 regulatory authority that is not generally
 13 available to the public; or

14 “(B) render services for compensation in
 15 relation to any case, proceeding, application, or
 16 other matter before such State regulatory au-
 17 thority.”.

18 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

19 (1) OBLIGATIONS TO CONSIDER AND DETER-
 20 MINE.—Section 112 of the Public Utility Regulatory
 21 Policies Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2622) is amended—

22 (A) in subsection (b), by adding at the end
 23 the following:

24 “(9)(A) Not later than 1 year after the date of
 25 enactment of this paragraph, each State regulatory

1 authority (with respect to each electric utility for
2 which the State has ratemaking authority) shall
3 commence consideration under section 111, or set a
4 hearing date for consideration, with respect to the
5 standard established by paragraph (22) of section
6 111(d).

7 “(B) Not later than 2 years after the date of
8 enactment of this paragraph, each State regulatory
9 authority (with respect to each electric utility for
10 which the State has ratemaking authority) shall
11 complete the consideration and make the determina-
12 tion under section 111 with respect to the standard
13 established by paragraph (22) of section 111(d).”;

14 (B) in subsection (c)—

15 (i) by striking “subsection (b)(2)” and
16 inserting “subsection (b)”; and

17 (ii) by inserting “In the case of the
18 standard established by paragraph (22) of
19 section 111(d), the reference contained in
20 this subsection to the date of enactment of
21 this Act shall be deemed to be a reference
22 to the date of enactment of that paragraph
23 (22).” after “paragraph (21).”; and

24 (C) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(i) OTHER PRIOR STATE ACTIONS.—Subsections
 2 (b) and (c) shall not apply to the standard established by
 3 paragraph (22) of section 111(d) in the case of any elec-
 4 tric utility in a State if, before the date of enactment of
 5 this subsection—

6 “(1) the State has implemented for the electric
 7 utility the standard (or a comparable standard);

8 “(2) the State regulatory authority for the
 9 State has conducted a proceeding to consider imple-
 10 mentation of the standard (or a comparable stand-
 11 ard) for the electric utility; or

12 “(3) the State legislature has voted on the im-
 13 plementation of the standard (or a comparable
 14 standard) for the electric utility during the 3-year
 15 period ending on that date of enactment.”.

16 (2) PRIOR AND PENDING PROCEEDINGS.—Sec-
 17 tion 124 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies
 18 Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2634) is amended by adding
 19 at the end the following: “In the case of the stand-
 20 ard established by paragraph (22) of section 111(d),
 21 the reference contained in this section to the date of
 22 enactment of this Act shall be deemed to be a ref-
 23 erence to the date of enactment of that paragraph
 24 (22).”.

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