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H. R. 1669

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 2, 2011

Mr. ACKERMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “License Plate Political
5 Slush Fund Prevention Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. LICENSE PLATE SALES AND POLITICAL ACTIVITY.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 1 of title 23, United
3 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing:

5 **“§ 167. License plate sales and political activity**

6 “(a) WITHHOLDING OF APPORTIONMENTS FOR NON-
7 COMPLIANCE.—The Secretary shall withhold 15 percent of
8 the amount required to be apportioned to any State under
9 each of paragraphs (1), (3), and (4) of section 104(b) on
10 October 1 of the first fiscal year beginning after the date
11 of enactment of this Act, and on October 1 of each fiscal
12 year thereafter, if the State does not meet the requirement
13 of subsection (b) on that date.

14 “(b) REQUIREMENT.—A State meets the requirement
15 of this subsection if the chief executive of the State cer-
16 tifies to the Secretary that the State, as of the date of
17 the certification, does not provide to an organization that
18 engages in covered political activity any proceeds resulting
19 from the sale of a license plate in that State.

20 “(c) EFFECT OF NONCOMPLIANCE.—Funds withheld
21 from a State under subsection (a) shall lapse and shall
22 be deposited in the Treasury and used for deficit reduction
23 (or, if there is no Federal budget deficit, for reducing the
24 Federal debt, in such manner as the Secretary of the
25 Treasury considers appropriate).

1 “(d) COVERED POLITICAL ACTIVITY DEFINED.—In
2 this section, the term ‘covered political activity’ means the
3 advocacy of the election or defeat of a candidate with re-
4 spect to an election for a Federal, State, or local office.”.

5 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
6 ter 1 of title 23, United States Code, is amended by add-
7 ing at the end the following:

“167. License plate sales and political activity.”.

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