

112TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 3491

To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit former Members of Congress from engaging in lobbying contacts.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 18, 2011

Mr. CICILLINE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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. PROHIBITION ON LOBBYING CONTACTS BY**  
4       **FORMER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.**

5       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 207(e) of title 18, United  
6 States Code, is amended as follows:

7           (1) Paragraph (1) is amended to read as fol-  
8 lows:

9           “(1) MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.—

1           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Any person who is a  
2           Senator or a Member of the House of Rep-  
3           resentatives and who, after that person leaves  
4           office, knowingly makes any lobbying contact to  
5           a covered executive branch official, or to any  
6           Member, officer, or employee of either House of  
7           Congress, shall be punished as provided in sec-  
8           tion 216 of this title.

9           “(B) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph,  
10          the terms ‘lobbying contact’ and ‘covered execu-  
11          tive branch official’ have the meanings given  
12          those terms in section 3 of the Lobbying Dislo-  
13          sure Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1602(8)).

14                 “(i) The term ‘lobbying contact’ ”.

15          (2) Paragraph (2) is amended—

16                 (A) by striking “(2) Any person” and in-  
17          serting the following:

18          “(2) OFFICERS AND CERTAIN STAFF.—

19                 “(A) OFFICERS AND STAFF OF THE SEN-  
20          ATE.—Any person”; and

21                 (B) by adding at the end the following:

22          “(B) OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE OF REP-  
23          RESENTATIVES.—(i) Any person who is an  
24          elected officer of the House of Representatives  
25          and who, within 1 year after that person leaves

1 office, knowingly makes, with the intent to in-  
2 fluence, any communication to or appearance  
3 before any of the persons described in clause  
4 (ii), on behalf of any other person (except the  
5 United States) in connection with any matter  
6 on which such elected officer seeks action by a  
7 Member, officer, or employee of either House of  
8 Congress, in his or her official capacity, shall be  
9 punished as provided in section 216 of this title.

10 “(ii) The persons referred to in clause (i)  
11 with respect to appearances or communications  
12 by a former elected officer are any Member, of-  
13 ficer, or employee of the House of Representa-  
14 tives.”.

15 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
16 subsection (a) shall apply to individuals who leave office  
17 or employment to which such amendments apply on or  
18 after the date of adjournment of the second session of the  
19 112th Congress sine die or December 31, 2012, whichever  
20 date is earlier.

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