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# H. R. 2291

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DONALDS (for himself and Mr. GOLDEN of Maine) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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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 “Gift Accountability,  
5 Reporting, and Disclosures Act” or the “GARD Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RECEIPT AND DISPOSITION OF FOREIGN GIFTS AND**  
2 **DECORATIONS.**

3 (a) REVISIONS TO THE PROCESS REQUIRING COM-  
4 PILATION OF STATEMENTS BY FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.—  
5 Section 7342 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)—

7 (A) in paragraph (1)—

8 (i) by redesignating subparagraph (G)  
9 as subparagraph (H);

10 (ii) by inserting after subparagraph  
11 (F) the following new subparagraph:

12 “(G) a candidate as defined in section 301  
13 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971  
14 (52 U.S.C. 30101) for nomination or election to  
15 the office of President, Vice President, or Mem-  
16 ber of Congress;”;

17 (iii) in subparagraph (H) (as  
18 redesignated in clause (i))—

19 (I) by striking “(F)” and insert-  
20 ing “(G)” in each place it occurs; and

21 (II) by striking “a dependent  
22 (within the meaning of section 152 of  
23 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986)”  
24 and inserting: “a relative (as defined  
25 in section 13101);” and

26 (B) in paragraph (2)—

1 (i) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
2 the “and” at the end;

3 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by adding at  
4 the end “and”; and

5 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
6 lowing new subparagraph:

7 “(D) any individual or entity that is not a  
8 United States citizen, a permanent resident  
9 alien, or an entity organized under the laws of  
10 the United States or any jurisdiction within the  
11 United States;”;

12 (C) in paragraph (6)—

13 (i) in subparagraph (C), by striking “;  
14 and”;

15 (ii) by redesignating subparagraph  
16 (D) as subparagraph (G); and

17 (iii) by inserting after subparagraph  
18 (C), the following new subparagraphs:

19 “(D) the Federal Electoral Commission,  
20 for candidates in an election for President, Vice  
21 President, and Member of Congress, except as  
22 provided in subparagraphs (E) and (F);

23 “(E) the Select Committee on Ethics of  
24 the Senate, for a candidate in an election for

1 the Federal office of Senator who is serving as  
2 a Senator;

3 “(F) the Committee on Standards of Offi-  
4 cial Conduct of the House of Representatives,  
5 for a candidate in an election for the Federal  
6 office of Member of the House of Representa-  
7 tives who is serving as a Member; and”;

8 (2) in subsection (b)—

9 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking the “or”  
10 at the end;

11 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking the pe-  
12 riod at the end and inserting “; or”; and

13 (C) by adding at the end the following new  
14 paragraph:

15 “(3) accept a gift from a country of concern as  
16 designated by the Secretary of State.”;

17 (3) in subsection (c)(3), by inserting “termi-  
18 nating the official use of a gift under subparagraph  
19 (B) or” before “accepting travel”;

20 (4) in subsection (f)—

21 (A) paragraph (1)—

22 (i) by striking “January 31” and in-  
23 sserting “May 15”;

1 (ii) by inserting “Office of Govern-  
2 ment Ethics and the” before “Secretary of  
3 State”;

4 (iii) by striking “State who shall” and  
5 inserting “State. The Secretary of State  
6 shall”; and

7 (iv) by striking the period and insert-  
8 ing at the end “within 30 days after May  
9 15 of the filing year.”;

10 (B) in paragraph (2)—

11 (i) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
12 “brief”;

13 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking  
14 “, if known,”;

15 (iii) by amending subparagraph (E) to  
16 read as follows:

17 “(E) the estimated fair market value in  
18 the United States of the gift at the time of ac-  
19 ceptance as determined by retail prices, price of  
20 comparable items, or appraisal;”;

21 (iv) by redesignating subparagraph  
22 (F) as subparagraph (G);

23 (v) by inserting after subparagraph  
24 (E) the following:

1           “(F) the Personal Property Management  
2 Foreign Gift Inventory Control Number (PPM)  
3 of gifts transferred to the Government Services  
4 Administration and any internal gift tracking  
5 number relevant to the current location and  
6 final disposition of the gift; and”;

7           (vi) by amending subparagraph (G),  
8 as redesignated under clause (iv), to read  
9 as follows:

10           “(G) current location and final disposition  
11 of the gift using any of the following descrip-  
12 tions:

13           “(i) Purchased by recipient.

14           “(ii) Deposited with the National Ar-  
15 chives and Records Administration.

16           “(iii) Retained for official use by  
17 agency.

18           “(iv) Approved by employing agency  
19 for official use by employee.

20           “(v) Transferred according to agency  
21 policy.

22           “(vi) Processed according to agency  
23 guidance.”;

24           (C) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking  
25 “brief”; and

1 (D) in paragraph (4)—

2 (i) in subparagraph (A)—

3 (I) by striking “delete” and in-  
4 sserting “redact”; and

5 (II) by inserting “Office of Gov-  
6 ernment Ethics and the” after “in  
7 writing to the”; and

8 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by inserting  
9 “Office of Government Ethics and the”  
10 after “provided to the”;

11 (5) in subsection (g)—

12 (A) in paragraph (1)—

13 (i) by striking “Each employing agen-  
14 cy shall” and inserting “Each employing  
15 agency, or a designated agency ethics offi-  
16 cial as defined in section 13101, and in co-  
17 ordination with the Office of Government  
18 Ethics, shall”; and

19 (ii) by inserting “the Office of Gov-  
20 ernment Ethics and” before “the Secretary  
21 of State”;

22 (B) by redesignating paragraph (2) as  
23 paragraph (3); and

24 (C) by adding after paragraph (1) the fol-  
25 lowing new paragraph:

1 “(3) Each employing agency—

2 “(A) shall impose a \$200 late fee for any em-  
3 ployee who files a statement 30 days after the date  
4 on which such statement is required to be submitted;  
5 and

6 “(B) may waive the fee described in subpara-  
7 graph (A) if a determination is made by the employ-  
8 ing agency, or a designated agency ethics official as  
9 defined in section 13101, that an employee has good  
10 cause for the late submission.”; and

11 (6) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
12 section:

13 “(l) Not later than 120 days after enactment of the  
14 GARD Act, each employing agency shall adapt systems  
15 to enable public access to the listings under this section  
16 in a manner similar to the public access of financial disclo-  
17 sure reports required under chapter 131.”.

18 (b) APPLICATION.—The amendments by this Act  
19 shall apply to any individual required to submit a state-  
20 ment under section 7342 of title 5, United States Code,  
21 within 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

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