

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8544

To amend title 18, United States Code, to establish a 5-year post-employment ban on lobbying by former senior executive branch personnel and to prohibit such personnel from lobbying at any time on behalf of foreign governments or entities controlled by foreign governments, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 28, 2026

Mrs. HINSON (for herself and Mr. GOLDEN of Maine) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To amend title 18, United States Code, to establish a 5-year post-employment ban on lobbying by former senior executive branch personnel and to prohibit such personnel from lobbying at any time on behalf of foreign governments or entities controlled by foreign governments, and for other purposes.

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 “Promoting the Unbi-
5 ased Role of Employees in the Executive Act” or the
6 “PURE Executive Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. 5-YEAR POST-EMPLOYMENT BAN ON LOBBYING BY**
2 **FORMER SENIOR EXECUTIVE BRANCH PER-**
3 **SONNEL.**

4 (a) 5-YEAR BAN.—Section 207 of title 18, United
5 States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “within 1
7 year after the termination” and inserting “within 5
8 years after the termination”; and

9 (2) in subsection (d)(1), by striking “within 2
10 years after the termination” and inserting “within 5
11 years after the termination”.

12 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
13 this section shall apply with respect to any individual who,
14 on or after the date of the enactment of this Act, leaves
15 a position to which subsection (c) or (d) of section 207
16 of title 18, United States Code, applies.

17 **SEC. 3. LIFETIME BAN ON LOBBYING BY FORMER SENIOR**
18 **EXECUTIVE BRANCH PERSONNEL ON BEHALF**
19 **OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS OR ENTITIES**
20 **OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY FOREIGN GOV-**
21 **ERNMENTS.**

22 (a) LIFETIME PROHIBITION.—Section 207(f) of title
23 18, United States Code, is amended—

24 (1) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-
25 graph (4); and

1 (2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
2 lowing new paragraph:

3 “(3) SPECIAL RULE FOR SENIOR PERSONNEL
4 OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND INDEPENDENT
5 AGENCIES.—In the case of an individual who is sub-
6 ject to the restrictions of subsection (c) or (d), the
7 restrictions described in paragraph (1) shall apply to
8 representing, aiding, or advising a foreign entity, or
9 representing, aiding, or advising any entity which is
10 subject to the direction, ownership, control, or influ-
11 ence of a foreign entity, at any time after the indi-
12 vidual leaves a position to which such subsection ap-
13 plies.”.

14 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
15 this section shall apply with respect to any individual who,
16 on or after the date of the enactment of this Act, leaves
17 a position to which subsection (c) or (d) of section 207
18 of title 18, United States Code, applies.

○