

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2317

AN ACT

To amend the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to require registered lobbyists to file quarterly reports on contributions bundled for certain recipients, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Lobbying Trans-
3 parency Act of 2007”.

4 **SEC. 2. QUARTERLY REPORTS BY REGISTERED LOBBYISTS**
5 **ON CONTRIBUTIONS BUNDLED FOR CERTAIN**
6 **RECIPIENTS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5 of the Lobbying Dislo-
8 sure Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1604) is amended by adding
9 at the end the following new subsection:

10 “(d) QUARTERLY REPORTS ON CONTRIBUTIONS
11 BUNDLED FOR CERTAIN RECIPIENTS.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 45 days
13 after the end of the quarterly period beginning on
14 the first day of January, April, July, and October of
15 each year, each registered lobbyist who bundles 2 or
16 more contributions made to a covered recipient in an
17 aggregate amount exceeding \$5,000 for such covered
18 recipient during such quarterly period shall file a re-
19 port with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk
20 of the House of Representatives containing—

21 “(A) the name of the registered lobbyist;

22 “(B) in the case of an employee, his or her
23 employer; and

24 “(C) the name of the covered recipient to
25 whom the contribution is made, and to the ex-
26 tent known the aggregate amount of such con-

1 tributions (or a good faith estimate thereof)
2 within the quarter for the covered recipient.

3 “(2) EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION.—

4 In filing a report under paragraph (1), a registered
5 lobbyist shall exclude from the report any informa-
6 tion described in paragraph (1)(C) which is included
7 in any other report filed by the registered lobbyist
8 with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of
9 the House of Representatives under this Act.

10 “(3) REQUIRING SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION

11 PRIOR TO FILING REPORTS.—Not later than 25 days
12 after the end of a period for which a registered lob-
13 byist is required to file a report under paragraph (1)
14 which includes any information described in such
15 section with respect to a covered recipient, the reg-
16 istered lobbyist shall transmit by certified mail to
17 the covered recipient involved a statement con-
18 taining—

19 “(A) the information that will be included
20 in the report with respect to the covered recipi-
21 ent;

22 “(B) the source of each contribution in-
23 cluded in the aggregate amount referred to in
24 paragraph (1)(C) which the registered lobbyist
25 bundled for the covered recipient during the pe-

1 riod covered by the report and the amount of
2 the contribution attributable to each such
3 source; and

4 “(C) a notification that the covered recipi-
5 ent has the right to respond to the statement
6 to challenge and correct any information in-
7 cluded before the registered lobbyist files the re-
8 port under paragraph (1).

9 “(4) DEFINITION OF REGISTERED LOBBYIST.—
10 For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘registered
11 lobbyist’ means a person who is registered or is re-
12 quired to register under paragraph (1) or (2) of sec-
13 tion 4(a), or an individual who is required to be list-
14 ed under section 4(b)(6) or subsection (b).

15 “(5) DEFINITION OF BUNDLED CONTRIBU-
16 TION.—For purposes of this subsection, a registered
17 lobbyist ‘bundles’ a contribution if—

18 “(A) the contribution is received by a reg-
19 istered lobbyist for, and forwarded by a reg-
20 istered lobbyist to, the covered recipient to
21 whom the contribution is made; or

22 “(B) the contribution will be or has been
23 credited or attributed to the registered lobbyist
24 through records, designations, recognitions or

1 other means of tracking by the covered recipi-
2 ent to whom the contribution is made.

3 “(6) OTHER DEFINITIONS.—In this sub-
4 section—

5 “(A) the term ‘contribution’ has the mean-
6 ing given such term in the Federal Election
7 Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 431 et seq.),
8 except that such term does not include a con-
9 tribution in an amount which is less than \$200;

10 “(B) the terms ‘candidate’, ‘political com-
11 mittee’, and ‘political party committee’ have the
12 meaning given such terms in the Federal Elec-
13 tion Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 431 et
14 seq.);

15 “(C) the term ‘covered recipient’ means a
16 Federal candidate, an individual holding Fed-
17 eral office, a leadership PAC, a multicandidate
18 political committee described in section
19 315(a)(4) of the Federal Election Campaign
20 Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441a(a)(4)), or a polit-
21 ical party committee; and

22 “(D) the term ‘leadership PAC’ means,
23 with respect to an individual holding Federal
24 office, an unauthorized political committee
25 which is associated with such individual, except

1 that such term shall not apply in the case of a
2 political committee of a political party.”.

3 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
4 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to the second quar-
5 terly period described in section 5(d)(1) of the Lobbying
6 Disclosure Act of 1995 (as added by subsection (a)) which
7 begins after the date of the enactment of this Act and
8 each succeeding quarterly period.

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Attest:

Clerk.

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