

S 1398

Lobbying and Ethics Reform Act of 2005

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Chamber: Senate

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]

Party: Democratic • **State:** WI • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 14, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 5677	Related bill	Jun 22, 2006: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on House Administration, and Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Lobbying and Ethics Reform Act of 2005 - Amends the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to require: (1) quarterly instead of semiannual filing of lobbying disclosure reports; (2) electronic filing; (3) maintenance of certain lobbying disclosure information in an electronic data base, available to the public free of charge over the Internet; (4) identification of each executive official and Member of Congress with whom lobbying contacts are made; (5) disclosure by registered lobbyists of all past executive and congressional employment; (6) disclosure of grassroots lobbying communications by paid lobbyists; (7) disclosure of lobbying activities by certain coalitions and associations; and (8) increased penalties for failure to comply with lobbying disclosure requirements.

Extends from one to two years the ban on former very senior and senior executive personnel, former Members of Congress, and officers and employees of the legislative branch to engage in lobbying activities with any officer or employee of the entity in which such person served before his or her tenure terminated.

Requires public disclosure by Members of Congress of employment negotiations.

Subjects to fines and penalties a Member of Congress or an employee of the House who wrongfully influences, on a partisan basis, an entity's employment decisions or practices.

Amends the Code of Official Conduct in the House to prohibit favoritism.

Eliminates floor privileges and other perks for former Member lobbyists.

Requires certification that congressional travel meets certain conditions, and establishes civil fines for false certifications.

Requires Senators to provide full payment and specified disclosure of charter flights.

Requires Members of Congress to provide increased disclosure of his or her official travel.

Requires the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct to develop and revise guidelines on reasonable expenses or expenditures for official government travel.

Prohibits gifts by registered lobbyists to Members of Congress and to congressional employees, with certain exceptions.

Prohibits Members of Congress from accepting gifts from lobbyists.

Calls for reviews and semiannual reports by the Comptroller General on activities carried out by the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate under the Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 14, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 14, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8310-8311)
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