

## HR 3859

Ethics in Foreign Lobbying Act of 2009

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** OH • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Oct 20, 2009
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 4, 2010

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Ethics in Foreign Lobbying Act of 2009 - Amends the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit contributions and expenditures in federal elections by multicandidate political committees or separate segregated funds sponsored by foreign-controlled corporations and associations (at least 50% owned by a non-U.S. citizen or foreign national). Sets forth ownership and operating fund reporting requirements.

Prohibits a foreign national from participating in the decision-making process of any person's election-related activities (such as those of a corporation, labor organization, or political committee). Establishes within the Federal Election Commission a clearinghouse of existing public information regarding the political activities of foreign principals and agents of foreign principals. Amends the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, to: (1) revise foreign agents' supplemental reporting requirements; and (2) provide civil penalties for specified reporting violations.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Jan 4, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties. (text of measure as introduced: CR S7634-7635)
- **Oct 20, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 20, 2009:** Referred to House Administration
- **Oct 20, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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.
- **Oct 20, 2009:** Referred to House Judiciary