

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 758

AN ACT

To make certain technical corrections to the Lobbying
Disclosure Act of 1995.

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 AND REFERENCE.**

2 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the
3 “Lobbying Disclosure Technical Amendments Act of
4 1997”.

5 (b) **REFERENCE.**—Whenever in this Act an amend-
6 ment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment
7 to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference
8 shall be considered to be made to a section or other provi-
9 sion of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995.

10 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF COVERED EXECUTIVE BRANCH**
11 **OFFICIAL.**

12 Section 3(3)(F) (2 U.S.C. 1602(3)(F)) is amended
13 by striking “7511(b)(2)” and inserting “7511(b)(2)(B)”.

14 **SEC. 3. CLARIFICATION OF EXCEPTION TO LOBBYING**
15 **CONTACT.**

16 (a) **CERTAIN COMMUNICATIONS.**—Section
17 3(8)(B)(ix) (2 U.S.C. 1602(8)(B)(ix)) is amended by in-
18 serting before the semicolon the following: “, including any
19 communication compelled by a Federal contract grant,
20 loan, permit, or license”.

21 (b) **DEFINITION OF “PUBLIC OFFICIAL”.**—Section
22 3(15)(F) (2 U.S.C. 1602(15)(F)) is amended by inserting
23 “, or a group of governments acting together as an inter-
24 national organization” before the period.

1 **SEC. 4. ESTIMATES BASED ON TAX REPORTING SYSTEM.**

2 (a) SECTION 15(a).—Section 15(a) (2 U.S.C.
3 1610(a)) is amended—

4 (1) by striking “A registrant” and inserting “A
5 person, other than a lobbying firm,”; and

6 (2) by amending paragraph (2) to read as fol-
7 lows:

8 “(2) for all other purposes consider as lobbying
9 contacts and lobbying activities only—

10 “(A) lobbying contacts with covered legisla-
11 tive branch officials (as defined in section 3(4))
12 and lobbying activities in support of such con-
13 tacts; and

14 “(B) lobbying of Federal executive branch
15 officials to the extent that such activities are in-
16 fluencing legislation as defined in section
17 4911(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of
18 1986.”.

19 (b) SECTION 15(b).—Section 15(b) (2 U.S.C.
20 1610(b)) is amended—

21 (1) by striking “A registrant that is subject to”
22 and inserting “A person, other than a lobbying firm,
23 who is required to account and does account for lob-
24 bing expenditures pursuant to”; and

25 (2) by amending paragraph (2) to read as fol-
26 lows:

1 “(2) for all other purposes consider as lobbying
2 contacts and lobbying activities only—

3 “(A) lobbying contacts with covered legisla-
4 tive branch officials (as defined in section 3(4))
5 and lobbying activities in support of such con-
6 tacts; and

7 “(B) lobbying of Federal executive branch
8 officials to the extent that amounts paid or
9 costs incurred in connection with such activities
10 are not deductible pursuant to section 162(e) of
11 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.”.

12 (c) SECTION 5(c).—Section 5(c) (2 U.S.C. 1604(c))
13 is amended by striking paragraph (3).

14 **SEC. 5. EXEMPTION BASED ON REGISTRATION UNDER LOB-**
15 **BYING ACT.**

16 Section 3(h) of the Foreign Agents Registration Act
17 of 1938 (22 U.S.C. 613(h)) is amended by striking “is
18 required to register and does register” and inserting “has
19 engaged in lobbying activities and has registered”.

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Attest:

Secretary.

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