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117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to prohibit a former Member of Congress from making a lobbying contact under such Act on behalf of a client which is a Communist country, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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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 “No Communist Coun-
5 tries Participating in Lobbying Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING LOBBYING CONTACTS BY FORMER**
2 **MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ON BEHALF OF**
3 **COMMUNIST COUNTRIES.**

4 (a) PROHIBITION.—The Lobbying Disclosure Act of
5 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) is amended by inserting
6 after section 5 the following new section:

7 **“SEC. 5A. PROHIBITING LOBBYING CONTACTS BY FORMER**
8 **MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ON BEHALF OF**
9 **COMMUNIST COUNTRIES.**

10 “(a) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding any other pro-
11 vision of this Act, a former Member of Congress may not
12 make a lobbying contact under this Act, or any commu-
13 nication which would be a lobbying contact under this Act
14 if it were not disclosed under the Foreign Agents Registra-
15 tion Act of 1938, as amended (22 U.S.C. 611 et seq.),
16 on behalf of a client which, at the time of the lobbying
17 contact or communication, is a Communist country or an
18 entity owned or controlled by a Communist country.

19 “(b) PENALTY.—In addition to any other penalty
20 under this Act, any person who violates subsection (a)
21 shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$25,000 for
22 each such violation.

23 “(c) DEFINITION.—In this section, a ‘Communist
24 country’ means a country which is treated as a Communist
25 country under section 620(f) of the Foreign Assistance
26 Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2370(f)).”.

1 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
2 this section shall apply with respect to lobbying contacts
3 under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 which are
4 made on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.