Subtitle F—Prohibition on Lobbying Contacts by Former Members of Congress

SECTION 7601. PROHIBITION ON LOBBYING CONTACTS BY FORMER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 207(e) of title 18, United States Code, is amended as follows:

(1) Paragraph (1) is amended to read as follows:

“(1) MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Any person who is a Senator or a Member of the House of Representatives and who, after that person leaves office, knowingly makes any lobbying contact to a covered executive branch official, or to any Member, officer, or employee of either House of Congress, shall be punished as provided in section 216 of this title.

“(B) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph, the terms ‘lobbying contact’ and ‘covered execu-
tive branch official' have the meanings given those terms in section 3 of the Lobbying Disclo-
sure Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1602).”.

(2) Paragraph (2) is amended—

(A) by striking “(2) Any person” and in-
serting the following:

“(2) Officers and certain staff.—

“(A) Officers and staff of the sen-
ate.—Any person”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(B) Officers of the house of rep-
resentatives.—(i) Any person who is an
elected officer of the House of Representatives
and who, within 1 year after that person leaves
office, knowingly makes, with the intent to in-
fluence, any communication to or appearance
before any of the persons described in clause
(ii), on behalf of any other person (except the
United States) in connection with any matter
on which such elected officer seeks action by a
Member, officer, or employee of either House of
Congress, in his or her official capacity, shall be
punished as provided in section 216 of this title.

“(ii) The persons referred to in clause (i)
with respect to appearances or communications
by a former elected officer are any Member, officer, or employee of the House of Representa-
tives.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall apply to individuals who leave office or employment to which such amendments apply on or after the date of adjournment of the second session of the One Hundred Sixteenth Congress sine die or December 31, 2020, whichever date is earlier.

Page 699, line 1, strike “F” and insert “G”.

Page 699, line 2, strike “7501” and insert “7601”.