

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-

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At the appropriate place in subtitle C of title V, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 18__ . CODIFICATION AND EXPANSION OF PROHIBI-**
2 **TION ON LOBBYING ACTIVITIES WITH RE-**
3 **SPECT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**
4 **OR CONGRESS BY CERTAIN OFFICERS OF**
5 **THE ARMED FORCES AND CIVILIAN EMPLOY-**
6 **EES OF THE DEPARTMENT FOLLOWING SEPA-**
7 **RATION FROM MILITARY SERVICE OR EM-**
8 **PLOYMENT.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 49 of title 10, United
10 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 985 the
11 following new section:

12 **“§ 986. Prohibition on lobbying activities with re-**
13 **spect to the Department of Defense or**
14 **Congress by certain officers and civilian**
15 **employees following separation from**
16 **military service or employment**

17 **“(a) PROHIBITION.—A covered individual may not**
18 **engage in lobbying activities with respect to the Depart-**

1 ment of Defense or Congress during the ten-year period
2 beginning on the date of retirement or separation from
3 service in the armed forces or the date of retirement or
4 separation from employment with the Department, as ap-
5 plicable.

6 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 “(1) The terms ‘covered executive branch offi-
8 cial’, ‘lobbying activities’, and ‘lobbying contact’ have
9 the meanings given such terms in section 3 of the
10 Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1602).

11 “(2) The term ‘covered individual’ means—

12 “(A) an officer of the armed forces in
13 grade O-5 or higher at the time of retirement
14 or separation from the Armed Forces; or

15 “(B) a civilian employee of the Depart-
16 ment of Defense who had a civilian grade equiv-
17 alent to a military grade specified in subpara-
18 graph (A) at the time of the employee’s retire-
19 ment or separation from employment with the
20 Department.

21 “(3) The term ‘lobbying activities with respect
22 to the Department of Defense or Congress’ means
23 the following:

24 “(A) Lobbying contacts and other lobbying
25 activities with covered executive branch officials

1 with respect to the Department of Defense or
2 Members of Congress.

3 “(B) Lobbying contacts with covered execu-
4 tive branch officials described in subpara-
5 graphs (C) through (F) of section 3(3) of the
6 Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C.
7 1602(3)) in the Department of Defense or
8 Members of Congress.”.

9 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
10 for chapter 49 of title 10, United States Code, is amended
11 by inserting after the item related to section 985 the fol-
12 lowing:

“986. Prohibition on lobbying activities with respect to the Department of De-
fense or Congress by certain officers and civilian employees fol-
lowing separation from military service or employment.”.

13 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1045 of the
14 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018
15 (Public Law 115–91; 10 U.S.C. 971 note prec.) is re-
16 pealed.

