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House Bill No. 7097



Introduced by **MAGDALO Party-List Representative**
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

There have been reports of unethical lobbying practices in Congress and unlawful consideration allegedly being offered to lawmakers for either the passage or defeat of legislative measures in both Houses and their Committees. For that reason, addressing this issue and the negative image it imparts to the public is seriously needed. Such reports, whether with or without basis, creates the impression that our country's lawmakers are "for sale" and that the legislative measures being advanced or deterred in Congress are mostly coming at certain prices.

Republic Act No. 1827 otherwise known as "An Act to Regulate Lobbying in the Congress of the Philippines and in the Commission on Appointments" was enacted on June 22, 1957 and sought to prohibit corrupt or undesirable methods of lobbying, to promote a high standard of ethics in the practice of lobbying, to prevent harassing unfair and unethical lobbying practices, and to provide for the licensing of lobbyists and the suspension or revocation of such licenses.

This bill, which seeks to amend R.A. No. 1827, essentially proposes to increase the penalties for those persons who practice unethical lobbying and use corrupt means to influence legislation and confirmation of appointment. It is envisioned that such measure shall curb corruption and undue influence in the passage and/or defeat of legislation, and also to deter unethical lobbying in the confirmation of appointments.

Hence, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION 2 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1827 SO AS TO IMPOSE HIGHER
PENALTIES FOR THOSE ENGAGED IN UNFAIR AND UNETHICAL LOBBYING
PRACTICES

*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in
Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Republic Act No. 1827 (RA 1827) is hereby amended to read
as follows:

"Sec. 2. Corrupt means to influence legislation; disclosure of interest. - Any
person who shall, directly or indirectly, give or agree or offer to give any money
or property or valuable thing or any security therefor to any person, for the service
of such person or of any other person in procuring the passage or defeat of any
measure before the Congress of the Philippines or before either House or any
committee thereof, upon the contingency or condition of the passage or defeat of
such measure, or who shall receive, directly or indirectly, or agree to receive any
such money, property, thing of value or security therefor for such service, upon
any such contingency or condition, or who, having a pecuniary or other interest,
or acting as the agent or attorney of any person in procuring or attempting to
procure the passage or defeat of any measure before the Congress of the
Philippines or before either House or any committee thereof, shall attempt in any
manner to influence any member of said Congress for or against such measure,
without first making known to such member the real and true interest he has in
such measure, either personally or as such agent or attorney, shall be punished by
imprisonment of not more than [two] **SIX** years [or] **AND** by fine not exceeding
[five thousand] **ONE MILLION** pesos [or both such imprisonment and fine].
FURTHER, IF SUCH PERSON IS HOLDING ANY ELECTIVE OR
APPOINTIVE PUBLIC OFFICE, HE SHALL BE SUBJECTED TO THE
PENALTY OF PERPETUAL DISQUALIFICATION FROM HOLDING
ANY PUBLIC OFFICE.

SEC. 2. Section 3 of Republic Act No. 1827 (RA 1827) is hereby amended to read as
follows:

"Sec. 3. Corrupt or secret means to influence confirmation of appointment.
- Any person who shall, directly or indirectly, give or agree or offer to give any
money or property or valuable thing or any security therefor to any person, for the
service of such person or of any other person in procuring the confirmation or
rejection or by-passing of any appointment before the Commission on
Appointments or before any committee thereof, upon the contingency or
condition of the confirmation or rejection or by-passing of such appointment, or
who shall receive, directly or indirectly, or agree to receive any such money,
property, thing of value or security therefor for such service, upon any such
contingency or condition, or who, having an appointment in his favor pending

1 before the Commission on Appointments 9r before any committee thereof, shall
2 through secret or clandestine methods attempt in any manner to influence any
3 member of such Commission to vote for confirmation of such appointment, shall
4 be punished by imprisonment of not more than [two] **SIX** years [or] **AND** by fine
5 not exceeding [five thousand) **ONE MILLION** pesos [or 2 both such
6 imprisonment and fine]. **FURTHER, IF SUCH PERSON IS HOLDING ANY**
7 **ELECTIVE OR APPOINTIVE PUBLIC OFFICE, HE SHALL BE**
8 **SUBJECTED TO THE PENALTY OF PERPETUAL**
9 **DISQUALIFICATION FROM HOLDING ANY PUBLIC OFFICE.**

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11 **SEC. 3. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations and
12 other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified
13 accordingly.
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15 **SEC. 4. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
16 publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,