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H.B. No. 2802

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to lobbying by former members of the legislature; creating
3 an offense.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 572, Government Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 572.062 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 572.062. FORMER LEGISLATOR: LOBBYING RESTRICTED;
8 CRIMINAL OFFENSE. (a) In this section, "administrative action,"
9 "communicates directly with," "legislation," "member of the
10 executive branch," and "member of the legislative branch" have the
11 meanings assigned by Section 305.002.

12 (b) A former member of the legislature may not, before the
13 second anniversary of the date the last term for which the former
14 member was elected ends, engage in activities that require
15 registration under Chapter 305.

16 (c) A former member who violates this section commits an
17 offense. An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

18 SECTION 2. Section 572.062, Government Code, as added by
19 this Act, applies only to a member of the legislature who ceases to
20 be a member on or after the effective date of this Act.

21 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.