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S. 2632

To amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require more detailed travel disclosure filings from judicial officers, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BROWN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. BOOKER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 “Judicial Travel Ac-
5 countability Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. TRAVEL DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS.**

7 Section 102(a)(2) of the Ethics in Government Act
8 of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended—

9 (1) in subparagraph (A)—

1 (A) by striking “(A) The identity” and in-
 2 serting “(A)(i) Except as provided in clause (ii),
 3 the identity”; and

4 (B) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(ii) In the case of a judicial officer, the iden-
 6 tity of the source, a brief description, and the value
 7 of all gifts aggregating more than the minimal value
 8 as established by section 7342(a)(5) of title 5,
 9 United States Code, or \$250, whichever is greater,
 10 received from any source, other than a relative, dur-
 11 ing the preceding calendar year, except that any gift
 12 with a fair market value of \$100 or less, as adjusted
 13 at the same time and by the same percentage as the
 14 minimal value is adjusted, need not be aggregated
 15 for purposes of this subparagraph.”; and

16 (2) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(D)(i) In the case of a judicial officer required
 18 to file an annual financial disclosure statement con-
 19 taining information described in subparagraph
 20 (A)(ii) or (B), not later than 15 days after the date
 21 on which a trip required to be disclosed in the state-
 22 ment ends, the judicial officer shall file—

23 “(I) a detailed description of the meetings
 24 and events attended by the judicial officer, in-

1 including the names of the other known attendees
2 of the meeting or event;

3 “(II) the total transportation expenses, in
4 dollars, for the judicial officer;

5 “(III) the total transportation expenses, in
6 dollars, for any family member who accom-
7 panied the judicial officer;

8 “(IV) the total lodging expenses, in dollars,
9 for the judicial officer;

10 “(V) the total lodging expenses, in dollars,
11 for any family member who accompanied the ju-
12 dicial officer;

13 “(VI) the total meal expenses, in dollars,
14 for the judicial officer; and

15 “(VII) the total meal expenses, in dollars,
16 for any family member who accompanied the ju-
17 dicial officer.

18 “(ii) As soon as practicable after any informa-
19 tion required to be filed by a judicial officer under
20 clause (i) is filed, the information shall be made
21 available on a public website.”.

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