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# H. R. 5384

[Report No. 114-]

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 3, 2016

Mr. RUSSELL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

DECEMBER --, 2016

Reported from the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

# **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 “Federal Register Print-  
5 ing Savings Act of 2016”.

6 **SEC. 2. RESTRICTIONS ON DISTRIBUTION OF FREE PRINT-**  
7 **ED COPIES OF FEDERAL REGISTER TO MEM-**  
8 **BERS OF CONGRESS AND FEDERAL EMPLOY-**  
9 **EES.**

10 (a) RESTRICTIONS.—Section 1506 of title 44, United  
11 States Code, is amended—

12 (1) by striking “The Administrative Com-  
13 mittee” and inserting “(a) COMPOSITION; DUTIES.—  
14 The Administrative Committee”;

15 (2) in subsection (a)(4), by striking “the num-  
16 ber of copies” and inserting “subject to subsection  
17 (b), the number of copies”; and

18 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
19 section:

20 “(b) RESTRICTIONS ON DISTRIBUTION OF FREE  
21 PRINTED COPIES TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND OFFI-  
22 CERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE UNITED STATES.—

23 “(1) PROHIBITING SUBSCRIPTION TO PRINTED  
24 COPIES WITHOUT REQUEST.—Under the regulations  
25 prescribed to carry out subsection (a)(4), the Direc-

1       tor of the Government Publishing Office may not  
2       provide a printed copy of the Federal Register with-  
3       out charge to any Member of Congress or any other  
4       office of the United States during a year unless—

5               “(A) the Member or office requests a  
6               printed copy of a specific issue of the Federal  
7               Register; or

8               “(B) during that year or during the pre-  
9               vious year, the Member or office requested a  
10              subscription to printed copies of the Federal  
11              Register for that year, as described in para-  
12              graph (2).

13              “(2) ADMINISTRATION OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.—  
14       The regulations prescribed to carry out subsection  
15       (a)(4) shall include—

16              “(A) provisions regarding notifications to  
17              offices of Members of Congress and other of-  
18              fices of the United States of the restrictions of  
19              paragraph (1);

20              “(B) provisions describing the process by  
21              which Members and other offices may request a  
22              specific issue of the Federal Register for pur-  
23              poses of paragraph (1)(A); and

24              “(C) provisions describing the process by  
25              which Members and other offices may request a

1 subscription to the Federal Register for pur-  
2 poses of paragraph (1)(B), except that such  
3 regulations shall limit the period for such a  
4 subscription to not longer than one year.”.

5 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
6 subsection (a) shall take effect January 1, 2017.