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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE BILL

## No. 1374

Session of  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 4, 1975

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AN ACT

1 Prohibiting certain acts by lobbyists, members of the General  
2 Assembly and the executive branch and imposing penalties.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Contingent Compensation Forbidden.--No person,  
6 partnership, committee, association, corporation or any other  
7 organization shall retain or employ any person to advocate the  
8 passage or defeat of any legislation for compensation contingent  
9 in whole or in part upon the passage or defeat of any such  
10 legislation, and no person shall accept any such employment for  
11 compensation upon such passage or defeat.

12 Section 2. Gifts and Services Prohibited.--No lobbyist shall  
13 give or provide any gift or service to any member of the General  
14 Assembly or his or her family, or to any employee of the  
15 executive branch of government or his or her family for the  
16 purpose of influencing the passage or defeat of legislation. No  
17 member of the General Assembly shall request any such gift or

1 service from a lobbyist in connection with his or her support or  
2 nonsupport of any legislation. Gifts and services in connection  
3 with this act shall not include research, data, food or  
4 beverage, or the expression of opinion through written or stated  
5 forms and noting in this act shall be construed to be an  
6 infringement or prohibition on the rights of any citizen or  
7 organization to express opinion.

8 Section 3. Exceptions.--This act shall not include those  
9 persons who represent any political subdivision of the  
10 Commonwealth or any department of State Government.

11 Section 4. Penalty.--Any person wilfully violating any of  
12 the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and  
13 upon conviction, shall be disqualified from acting as a lobbyist  
14 for a period of three years from the date of conviction and  
15 shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or to  
16 undergo imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both. Any  
17 association or corporation violating any of the provisions of  
18 this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction,  
19 shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding \$3,000.

20 Section 5. Effective Date.--This act shall take effect  
21 immediately.