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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE BILL

## No. 1052

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BROWN, MELUSKEY, WISE, BORSKI AND JONES, APRIL 27, 1977

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 27, 1977

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AN ACT

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

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

6 Section 1. Contingent compensation forbidden.

7 A person, partnership, committee, association or corporation  
8 shall not retain or employ a person to advocate the passage or  
9 defeat of legislation for compensation contingent in whole or in  
10 part upon the passage or defeat thereof, and a person shall not  
11 accept employment for compensation contingent upon the passage  
12 or defeat of legislation.

13 Section 2. Gifts and services prohibited.

14 A lobbyist shall not give or provide a gift or service to a  
15 member of the General Assembly or his or her family, or to an  
16 employee of the executive branch of government or his or her  
17 family for the purpose of influencing the passage or defeat of  
18 legislation. A member of the General Assembly shall not request

1 a gift or service from a lobbyist in connection with his or her  
2 support or nonsupport of any legislation. Such gifts and  
3 services shall not include research, data, food or beverage, or  
4 the expression of opinion through written or stated forms.  
5 Nothing in this act shall be construed to be an infringement or  
6 prohibition on the right of a citizen or organization to express  
7 opinion.

8 Section 3. Exceptions.

9 This act shall not include those persons who represent a  
10 political subdivision of the Commonwealth or a department of the  
11 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

12 Section 4. Penalty.

13 A person who violates a provision of this act is guilty of a  
14 misdemeanor and upon conviction, shall be disqualified from  
15 acting as a lobbyist for a period of three years from the date  
16 of conviction. He shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding  
17 \$1,000 or to undergo imprisonment not exceeding one year, or  
18 both. An association or corporation which violates any of the  
19 provisions of this act is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon  
20 conviction, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding  
21 \$3,000.

22 Section 5. Effective date.

23 This act shall take effect immediately.