

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, APRIL 8, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Amending Senate Ethical Conduct Rules 1 and 2.

2 RESOLVED, That Rule 1 of the Ethical Conduct Rules of the  
3 Senate be amended by adding definitions to read:

4 Rule 1. Preliminary provisions.

5 As used in these rules, the following words and phrases shall  
6 have the meanings given to them in this rule unless the context  
7 clearly indicates otherwise:

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9 "Cash gift."

10 (1) Any of the following:

11 (i) United States or foreign currency.

12 (ii) A money order.

13 (iii) A check.

14 (iv) A prepaid debit or credit card.

15 (v) A gift card or certificate.

16 (2) The term does not include:

1           (i) A political contribution reported as required by  
2 law.

3           (ii) A commercial loan made in the ordinary course  
4 of business.

5           (iii) A transaction involving reasonable  
6 consideration of equal or greater value.

7           (iv) A cash gift from a parent, sibling, spouse,  
8 child, stepchild, stepparent, stepsibling, grandparent,  
9 grandchild, parent-in-law or sibling-in-law when the  
10 circumstances make it clear that the motivation for the  
11 action was a personal or family relationship.

12           (v) A cash gift available to the public or offered  
13 to members of a group or class in which membership is not  
14 related to being a Senator or Senate employee.

15           (vi) An award or prize given to competitors in any  
16 contest or event open to the public, including random  
17 drawings.

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19           "Lobbyist." Any individual, firm, association, corporation,  
20 partnership, business trust or other entity that is registered  
21 as a lobbyist under 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 13A (relating to lobbying  
22 disclosure).

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24           "Official action." An administrative action or legislative  
25 action, as those terms are defined in 65 Pa.C.S. § 13A03  
26 (relating to definitions).

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28           "Principal." Any individual, association, corporation,  
29 partnership, business trust or other entity that is registered  
30 as a principal under 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 13A (relating to lobbying

1 disclosure).

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3 RESOLVED, That Rule 2 of the Ethical Conduct Rules of the  
4 Senate be amended by adding a subsection to read:

5 Rule 2. Practice.

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7 (h) Cash gifts.--No Senator or Senate employee shall accept  
8 or solicit a cash gift from any of the following:

9 (1) A lobbyist or principal.

10 (2) A person that is seeking official action from the  
11 Senator or Senate employee.

12 RESOLVED, That the amendment of Rules 1 and 2 of the Ethical  
13 Conduct Rules of the Senate apply to cash gifts made on and  
14 after the adoption of this resolution.