
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. **339** Session of
2014

INTRODUCED BY BAKER, SMUCKER, PILEGGI, VOGEL, EICHELBERGER,
TEPLITZ, FONTANA, STACK, WASHINGTON, ERICKSON, YUDICHAK,
KASUNIC, GORDNER, SCHWANK, SMITH, HUGHES, ARGALL, VULAKOVICH,
RAFFERTY, WHITE, GREENLEAF, COSTA, BREWSTER, BLAKE, FARNESE,
VANCE, BROWNE AND ALLOWAY, APRIL 8, 2014

SENATOR PILEGGI, RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, AS AMENDED,
APRIL 9, 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:

8 * * *

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.

1 (v) A gift card or certificate.

2 (2) The term does not include:

3 ~~(i) A political contribution reported as required by~~ <--
4 law.

5 (I) AN EXPENDITURE OR OTHER TRANSACTION SUBJECT TO <--
6 REPORTING UNDER ARTICLE XVI OF THE ACT OF JUNE 3, 1937
7 (P.L.1333, NO.320), KNOWN AS THE PENNSYLVANIA ELECTION
8 CODE.

9 (ii) A commercial loan made in the ordinary course
10 of business.

11 (iii) A transaction involving reasonable
12 consideration of equal or greater value.

13 (iv) A cash gift from a parent, sibling, spouse,
14 child, stepchild, stepparent, stepsibling, grandparent,
15 grandchild, parent-in-law ~~or~~, sibling-in-law OR OTHER <--
16 CLOSE RELATIVE when the circumstances make it clear that
17 the motivation for the action was a personal or family
18 relationship.

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

22 (vi) An award or prize given to competitors in any
23 contest or event open to the public, including random
24 drawings.

25 "COMMERCIAL LOAN MADE IN THE ORDINARY COURSE OF BUSINESS." A <--
26 LOAN FROM A BANK OR OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTION ON TERMS
27 GENERALLY AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

28 * * *

29 "Lobbyist." Any individual, firm, association, corporation,
30 partnership, business trust or other entity that is registered

1 as a lobbyist under 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 13A (relating to lobbying
2 disclosure).

3 * * *

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

7 * * *

8 "Principal." Any individual, association, corporation,
9 partnership, business trust or other entity that is registered
10 as a principal under 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 13A (relating to lobbying
11 disclosure).

12 * * *

13 RESOLVED, That Rule 2 of the Ethical Conduct Rules of the
14 Senate be amended by adding a subsection to read:
15 Rule 2. Practice.

16 * * *

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

19 (1) A lobbyist or principal.

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

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