

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 2519

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 3, by striking out the comma after
2 "definitions" and inserting
3 and

4 Amend Bill, page 1, line 4, by inserting after "activities,"
5 providing for gift ban and further providing

6 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 8 and 9, by striking out all of
7 said lines and inserting

8 Section 1. The definition of "person in section 1102 of
9 Title 65 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended
10 and the section is amended by adding definitions to read:

11 Amend Bill, page 1, by inserting between lines 17 and 18

12 "Lobbyist." As defined in section 13A03 (relating to
13 definitions).

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15 "Person." A business, governmental body, individual,
16 lobbyist, employee of a lobbyist, corporation, union,
17 association, firm, partnership, committee, club or other
18 organization or group of persons.

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20 Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 15 and 16

21 Section 3. Title 65 is amended by adding a section to read:
22 § 1103.1. Gift ban.

23 (a) General rule.--Except as otherwise provided for in
24 subsection (b), no public official or public employee may
25 receive, accept, take, seek or solicit a gift having either a
26 fair market value or aggregate actual cost greater than \$50 from
27 any person in a calendar year.

28 (b) Exceptions.--The prohibition listed in subsection (a)
29 shall not apply to the following:

30 (1) A gift or gift of cash from a parent, sibling,
31 spouse, child, stepchild, stepparent, stepsibling,
32 grandparent, grandchild, parent-in-law, sibling-in-law or

1 other family member or friend when the circumstances make it
2 clear that the motivation for the gift was a personal or
3 family relationship. For the purpose of this paragraph, the
4 term "friend" does not include a registered lobbyist or an
5 employee of a registered lobbyist.

6 (2) A "contribution," as defined in section 1621 of the
7 act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the
8 Pennsylvania Election Code, lawfully made under that act.

9 (3) Informational material that is sent to the office of
10 the public official or public employee in the form of a book,
11 article, periodical, other written material, audiotape,
12 videotape or other forms of communication for
13 nonentertainment purposes.

14 (4) An award or prize that is given to competitors in a
15 contest or event open to the public, including random
16 drawings.

17 (5) An honorary degree or award.

18 (6) Training provided to a public official or public
19 employee, if the training is in the interest of the
20 governmental entity.

21 (7) Gifts exchanged between public officials or public
22 employees and their staffs on a voluntary basis.

23 (8) Educational material provided at a meeting,
24 including a meeting with governmental officials, either
25 foreign or domestic, intended to educate a public official or
26 public employee on matters of public policy, to which the
27 public official or public employee may be invited to
28 participate along with other Federal, State or local public
29 officials and community leaders.

30 (9) Anything paid for by the Federal, State or other
31 government or governmental entity under a government
32 contract.

33 (10) An honorarium as defined under section 1103(d)
34 (relating to restrictive activities), including an award,
35 plaque, trophy or other item valued at \$100 or less that is
36 substantially commemorative in nature.

37 (11) Tokens of de minimis economic impact such as a
38 greeting card, pen, cap or t-shirt.

39 (12) Reimbursement of expenses to a public official or
40 public employee by a governmental body or by an organization
41 or association of public officials or employees of public
42 political subdivisions in which the public official or public
43 employee serves in an official capacity.

44 Amend Bill, page 2, line 16, by striking out "3" and
45 inserting

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47 Amend Bill, page 3, line 16, by inserting a bracket before

1 "This"

2 Amend Bill, page 3, line 24, by inserting a bracket after
3 "lobbyist."

4 Amend Bill, page 3, line 26, by striking out "an"

5 Amend Bill, page 3, line 26, by striking out the bracket
6 before "expenses"

7 Amend Bill, page 3, lines 26 and 27, by striking out "]"
8 expense"

9 Amend Bill, page 3, line 27, by inserting a bracket before
10 "and"

11 Amend Bill, page 3, line 27, by inserting after "and"
12 1.

13 Amend Bill, page 3, line 29, by striking out the bracket
14 before "expenses"

15 Amend Bill, page 3, line 29, by striking out "]" expense"

16 Amend Bill, page 3, line 29, by inserting a bracket before
17 "and"

18 Amend Bill, page 3, line 29, by inserting after "and"
19 1.

20 Amend Bill, page 3, line 30, by striking out the bracket
21 before "exceed"

22 Amend Bill, page 3, line 30, by inserting a bracket before
23 "\$650"

24 Amend Bill, page 4, line 1, by striking out "exceeds"

25 Amend Bill, page 4, by inserting between lines 5 and 6

26 (7.1) A hospitality, transportation or lodging received
27 from a parent, sibling, spouse, child, stepchild, stepparent,

stepsibling, grandparent, grandchild, parent-in-law, sibling-
in-law or other family member or friend when the
circumstances make it clear that the motivation for the gift
was a personal or family relationship. For the purpose of
this subsection, the term "friend" does not include a
registered lobbyist or an employee of a registered lobbyist.

(7.2) The name and address of the source of an
honorarium valued at more than \$50 and the circumstances
surrounding the receipt of the honorarium.

Amend Bill, page 4, line 24, by striking out "4" and
inserting

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Amend Bill, page 5, line 3, by striking out "5" and inserting

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