



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1417

January Session, 2007

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**AN ACT CONCERNING CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
REGIONAL VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL SYSTEM.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 1-79 of the general statutes, as
2 amended by section 5 of public act 07-1, is repealed and the following
3 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (e) "Gift" means anything of value, which is directly and personally
5 received, unless consideration of equal or greater value is given in
6 return. "Gift" shall not include:

7 (1) A political contribution otherwise reported as required by law or
8 a donation or payment as described in subdivision (9) or (10) of
9 subsection (b) of section 9-601a;

10 (2) Services provided by persons volunteering their time, if
11 provided to aid or promote the success or defeat of any political party,
12 any candidate or candidates for public office or the position of
13 convention delegate or town committee member or any referendum
14 question;

15 (3) A commercially reasonable loan made on terms not more
16 favorable than loans made in the ordinary course of business;

17 (4) A gift received from (A) an individual's spouse, fiance or fiancée,

18 (B) the parent, brother or sister of such spouse or such individual, or
19 (C) the child of such individual or the spouse of such child;

20 (5) Goods or services (A) which are provided to a state agency or
21 quasi-public agency (i) for use on state or quasi-public agency
22 property, or (ii) that support an event, and (B) which facilitate state or
23 quasi-public agency action or functions. As used in this subdivision,
24 "state property" means (i) property owned by the state or a quasi-
25 public agency, or (ii) property leased to a state agency or quasi-public
26 agency;

27 (6) A certificate, plaque or other ceremonial award costing less than
28 one hundred dollars;

29 (7) A rebate, discount or promotional item available to the general
30 public;

31 (8) Printed or recorded informational material germane to state
32 action or functions;

33 (9) Food or beverage or both, costing less than fifty dollars in the
34 aggregate per recipient in a calendar year, and consumed on an
35 occasion or occasions at which the person paying, directly or
36 indirectly, for the food or beverage, or his representative, is in
37 attendance;

38 (10) Food or beverage or both, costing less than fifty dollars per
39 person and consumed at a publicly noticed legislative reception to
40 which all members of the General Assembly are invited and which is
41 hosted not more than once in any calendar year by a lobbyist or
42 business organization. For the purposes of such limit, (A) a reception
43 hosted by a lobbyist who is an individual shall be deemed to have also
44 been hosted by the business organization which he owns or is
45 employed by, and (B) a reception hosted by a business organization
46 shall be deemed to have also been hosted by all owners and employees
47 of the business organization who are lobbyists. In making the
48 calculation for the purposes of such fifty-dollar limit, the donor shall

49 divide the amount spent on food and beverage by the number of
50 persons whom the donor reasonably expects to attend the reception;

51 (11) Food or beverage or both, costing less than fifty dollars per
52 person and consumed at a publicly noticed reception to which all
53 members of the General Assembly from a region of the state are
54 invited and which is hosted not more than once in any calendar year
55 by a lobbyist or business organization. For the purposes of such limit,
56 (A) a reception hosted by a lobbyist who is an individual shall be
57 deemed to have also been hosted by the business organization which
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60 and employees of the business organization who are lobbyists. In
61 making the calculation for the purposes of such fifty-dollar limit, the
62 donor shall divide the amount spent on food and beverage by the
63 number of persons whom the donor reasonably expects to attend the
64 reception. As used in this subdivision, "region of the state" means the
65 established geographic service area of the organization hosting the
66 reception;

67 (12) A gift, including, but not limited to, food or beverage or both,
68 provided by an individual for the celebration of a major life event;

69 (13) Gifts costing less than one hundred dollars in the aggregate or
70 food or beverage provided at a hospitality suite at a meeting or
71 conference of an interstate legislative association, by a person who is
72 not a registrant or is not doing business with the state of Connecticut;

73 (14) Admission to a charitable or civic event, including food and
74 beverage provided at such event, but excluding lodging or travel
75 expenses, at which a public official or state employee participates in
76 his official capacity, provided such admission is provided by the
77 primary sponsoring entity;

78 (15) Anything of value provided by an employer of (A) a public
79 official, (B) a state employee, or (C) a spouse of a public official or state
80 employee, to such official, employee or spouse, provided such benefits

81 are customarily and ordinarily provided to others in similar
82 circumstances;

83 (16) Anything having a value of not more than ten dollars, provided
84 the aggregate value of all things provided by a donor to a recipient
85 under this subdivision in any calendar year shall not exceed fifty
86 dollars; [or]

87 (17) Training that is provided by a vendor for a product purchased
88 by a state or quasi-public agency which is offered to all customers of
89 such vendor; or

90 (18) Professional development activities for teachers employed in
91 the regional vocational-technical school system.

92 Sec. 2. Subsection (g) of section 1-91 of the general statutes, as
93 amended by section 8 of public act 07-1, is repealed and the following
94 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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100 subsection (b) of section 9-601a;

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104 convention delegate or town committee member or any referendum
105 question;

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107 favorable than loans made in the ordinary course of business;

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109 fiancee, (B) the parent, brother or sister of such spouse or such

110 individual, or (C) the child of such individual or the spouse of such
111 child;

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113 quasi-public agency (i) for use on state or quasi-public agency
114 property, or (ii) that support an event, and (B) which facilitate state or
115 quasi-public agency action or functions. As used in this subdivision,
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125 aggregate per recipient in a calendar year, and consumed on an
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127 indirectly, for the food or beverage, or his representative, is in
128 attendance;

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182 the regional vocational-technical school system.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	1-79(e)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	1-91(g)

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

Corrected effective date in section 2 for consistency with section 1.

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Joint Favorable Subst. C/R

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