



General Assembly

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LCO No. 3060

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXTENSION OF LOBBYIST RESTRICTIONS TO CERTAIN STATE EMPLOYEES.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (l) of section 1-91 of the 2008 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (l) "Lobbyist" means a person who in lobbying and in furtherance of
5 lobbying makes or agrees to make expenditures, or receives or agrees
6 to receive compensation, salary, reimbursement, or both, and such
7 compensation, salary, reimbursement or expenditures are two
8 thousand dollars or more in any calendar year or the combined
9 amount thereof is two thousand dollars or more in any such calendar
10 year. Lobbyist shall not include:

11 (1) A public official [, employee of a branch of state government or a
12 subdivision thereof,] or elected or appointed official of a municipality
13 or his designee other than an independent contractor, who is acting
14 within the scope of his authority; [or employment;]

15 (2) A publisher, owner or an employee of the press, radio or
16 television while disseminating news or editorial comment to the
17 general public in the ordinary course of business;

18 (3) An individual representing himself or another person before the
19 legislature or a state agency other than for the purpose of influencing
20 legislative or administrative action;

21 (4) Any individual, [or employee] other than a state employee, who
22 receives no compensation or reimbursement specifically for lobbying
23 and who limits his activities solely to formal appearances to give
24 testimony before public sessions of committees of the General
25 Assembly or public hearings of state agencies and who, if he testifies,
26 registers his appearance in the records of such committees or agencies;

27 (5) A member of an advisory board acting within the scope of his
28 appointment;

29 (6) A senator or representative in Congress acting within the scope
30 of his office;

31 (7) Any person who receives no compensation or reimbursement
32 specifically for lobbying and who spends no more than five hours in
33 furtherance of lobbying unless such person (A) exclusive of salary,
34 receives compensation or makes expenditures, or both, of two
35 thousand dollars or more in any calendar year for lobbying or the
36 combined amount thereof is two thousand dollars or more in any such
37 calendar year, [or] (B) expends fifty dollars or more for the benefit of a
38 public official in the legislative or executive branch, a member of his
39 staff or immediate family, or (C) is a state employee;

40 (8) A communicator lobbyist who receives or agrees to receive
41 compensation, reimbursement, or both, the aggregate amount of which
42 is less than two thousand dollars from each client in any calendar year.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	1-91(1)
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Statement of Purpose:

To extend lobbying restrictions and requirements contained under the code of ethics to state employees who engage in lobbying.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]