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"AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LEGISLATIVE PAPERLESS TASK FORCE AND THE TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE REDUCTION OF STATE AGENCY PAPER AND DUPLICATIVE PROCEDURES."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (e) of section 1-79 of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
5 *October 1, 2011*):

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

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

12 (2) Services provided by persons volunteering their time, if

13 provided to aid or promote the success or defeat of any political party,
14 any candidate or candidates for public office or the position of
15 convention delegate or town committee member or any referendum
16 question;

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

19 (4) A gift received from (A) an individual's spouse, fiance or fiancée,
20 (B) the parent, brother or sister of such spouse or such individual, or
21 (C) the child of such individual or the spouse of such child;

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

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

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

34 (8) Printed or recorded informational material germane to state
35 action or functions;

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

41 (10) Food or beverage or both, costing less than fifty dollars per
42 person and consumed at a publicly noticed legislative reception to

43 which all members of the General Assembly are invited and which is
44 hosted not more than once in any calendar year by a lobbyist or
45 business organization. For the purposes of such limit, (A) a reception
46 hosted by a lobbyist who is an individual shall be deemed to have also
47 been hosted by the business organization which he owns or is
48 employed by, and (B) a reception hosted by a business organization
49 shall be deemed to have also been hosted by all owners and employees
50 of the business organization who are lobbyists. In making the
51 calculation for the purposes of such fifty-dollar limit, the donor shall
52 divide the amount spent on food and beverage by the number of
53 persons whom the donor reasonably expects to attend the reception;

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

70 (12) A gift, including, but not limited to, food or beverage or both,
71 provided by an individual for the celebration of a major life event,
72 provided any such gift provided by an individual who is not a
73 member of the family of the recipient shall not exceed one thousand
74 dollars in value;

75 (13) Gifts costing less than one hundred dollars in the aggregate or

76 food or beverage provided at a hospitality suite at a meeting or
77 conference of an interstate legislative association, by a person who is
78 not a registrant or is not doing business with the state of Connecticut;

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

84 (15) Anything of value provided by an employer of (A) a public
85 official, (B) a state employee, or (C) a spouse of a public official or state
86 employee, to such official, employee or spouse, provided such benefits
87 are customarily and ordinarily provided to others in similar
88 circumstances;

89 (16) Anything having a value of not more than ten dollars, provided
90 the aggregate value of all things provided by a donor to a recipient
91 under this subdivision in any calendar year shall not exceed fifty
92 dollars;

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

96 (18) Travel expenses, lodging, food, beverage and other benefits
97 customarily provided by a prospective employer, when provided to a
98 student at a public institution of higher education whose employment
99 is derived from such student's status as a student at such institution, in
100 connection with bona fide employment discussions."