

(VII) A SPECIFIC GIFT OR CLASS OF GIFTS EXEMPTED FROM SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION BY THE ETHICS COMMISSION UPON A WRITTEN FINDING THAT:

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE GIFT OR CLASS OF GIFTS WOULD NOT BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE IMPARTIAL CONDUCT OF GOVERNMENT; AND
2. THE GIFT IS PURELY PERSONAL AND PRIVATE IN NATURE;

(VIII) A GIFT FROM:

1. AN INDIVIDUAL RELATED TO THE OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE BY BLOOD OR MARRIAGE; OR
2. ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSEHOLD OF THE OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE; OR

(IX) TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, HONORARIA.

(D) HONORARIA.

(1) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C)(1) OF THIS SECTION, AN OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE MAY ACCEPT AN HONORARIUM IF:

(I) THE HONORARIUM IS LIMITED TO REASONABLE EXPENSES FOR THE OFFICIAL'S MEALS, TRAVEL, AND LODGING, AND REASONABLE AND VERIFIABLE EXPENSES FOR CARE OF A CHILD OR DEPENDENT ADULT, THAT ARE ACTUALLY INCURRED;

(II) THE HONORARIUM CONSISTS OF GIFTS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (C)(2)(II) THROUGH (IV) OF THIS SECTION; OR

(III) THE OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE IS A FACULTY MEMBER OF A STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION WHO DOES NOT HOLD ANOTHER POSITION AS AN OFFICIAL THAT PRECLUDES RECEIVING THE HONORARIUM.

(2) OTHER THAN AS ALLOWED BY PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN HONORARIUM MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED, EVEN IF PERMITTED BY SUBSECTION (C)(1) OF THIS SECTION, IF:

(I) THE PAYOR OF THE HONORARIUM HAS AN INTEREST THAT MAY BE AFFECTED SUBSTANTIALLY AND MATERIALLY, IN A MANNER DISTINGUISHABLE FROM THE PUBLIC GENERALLY, BY THE PERFORMANCE OR NONPERFORMANCE OF THE OFFICIAL'S OR EMPLOYEE'S OFFICIAL DUTIES; AND

(II) THE OFFERING OF THE HONORARIUM IS RELATED IN ANY WAY TO THE OFFICIAL'S OR EMPLOYEE'S OFFICIAL POSITION.

(E) EXEMPTIONS FROM PROHIBITIONS.

BY REGULATION, THE ETHICS COMMISSION MAY DEFINE FURTHER EXEMPTIONS FROM THIS SECTION AS MAY BE NECESSARY.