

(III) THE DATE AND VALUE OF EACH GIFT OF A MEAL OR BEVERAGES, AND THE IDENTITY OF THE ENTITY OR ENTITIES TO WHICH THE GIFT IS ATTRIBUTABLE; AND

(IV) THE TOTAL CUMULATIVE VALUE OF GIFTS OF MEALS OR BEVERAGES, CALCULATED AS TO EACH RECIPIENT.

~~(5)~~ (4) THE REGULATED LOBBYIST MAY:

(I) DECLARE ON THE FORM REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (4) (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION THAT A GIFT OF A MEAL OR BEVERAGES WAS GIVEN FOR PURPOSES NOT RELATED TO THE REGULATED LOBBYIST'S LOBBYING ACTIVITIES; AND

(II) EXPLAIN THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE GIFT OF A MEAL OR BEVERAGES WAS GIVEN.

(5) GIFTS OF MEALS OR BEVERAGES REPORTED BY A REGULATED LOBBYIST UNDER THIS SUBSECTION NEED NOT BE COUNTED OR REPORTED BY THE REGULATED LOBBYIST FOR PURPOSES OF DISCLOSURE UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(4) OF THIS SECTION.

[(d)](E) The Ethics Commission may require a regulated lobbyist to file any additional report the Ethics Commission determines to be necessary.

SECTION 3. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ November 1, 1995.

Approved May 25, 1995.

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## CHAPTER 618

(House Bill 6)

AN ACT concerning

### Ethics Law - Gifts - Prohibitions Unsolicited Gifts of Nominal Value

FOR the purpose of ~~expanding the prohibitions on the acceptance of certain gifts by certain officials and employees; specifying which categories of gifts are prohibited; providing certain exceptions to the prohibitions; eliminating certain information from regulated lobbyists' gift disclosure reports; and generally relating to gift prohibitions and disclosure under the Maryland Public Ethics Law prohibiting a member of the General Assembly~~ State official of the Executive or Legislative Branch from accepting certain unsolicited gifts from certain entities; allowing a member of the General Assembly State official of the Executive or Legislative Branch to accept an unsolicited gift, not exceeding a certain dollar amount, from a regulated lobbyist; making it unlawful for certain regulated lobbyists to make certain gifts to certain officials and employees under certain circumstances; and generally relating to certain gift prohibitions under the State Ethics Law.