

(2) in connection with or for the purpose of influencing executive action, spends a cumulative value of at least \$100 for meals, beverages, special events, or gifts on one or more officials or employees of the Executive Branch;

(3) is employed to influence executive action on a procurement contract that exceeds \$100,000;

(4) spends at least \$2,000, including postage, for the express purpose of soliciting others to communicate with an official to influence legislative action or executive action; or

(5) spends at least \$500 to provide compensation to one or more entities required to register under this subsection.

(b) (1) The following activities are exempt from regulation under this subtitle:

(i) appearances as part of the official duties of an elected or appointed official or employee of the State, a political subdivision of the State, or the United States, to the extent that the appearance is not on behalf of any other entity;

(ii) actions of a member of the news media, to the extent the actions are in the ordinary course of gathering and disseminating news or making editorial comment to the general public;

(iii) representation of a bona fide religious organization to the extent the representation is for the purpose of protecting the right of its members to practice the doctrine of the organization; [or]

(iv) appearances as part of the official duties of an officer, director, member, or employee of an association engaged exclusively in representing counties or municipal corporations, to the extent that the appearance is not on behalf of any other entity; OR

(V) ACTIONS AS PART OF THE OFFICIAL DUTIES OF A TRUSTEE, AN ADMINISTRATOR, OR A FACULTY MEMBER, OR OTHER PERSONNEL OF AN A NONPROFIT INDEPENDENT COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY IN THE STATE, PROVIDED THE OFFICIAL DUTIES OF THE INDIVIDUAL DO NOT CONSIST PRIMARILY OF ATTEMPTING TO INFLUENCE LEGISLATIVE ACTION OR EXECUTIVE ACTION.

(2) The following activities are exempt from regulation under this subtitle if the individual engages in no other acts during the reporting period that require registration:

(i) professional services in drafting bills or in advising clients on the construction or effect of proposed or pending legislation;

(ii) appearances before the entire General Assembly, or any committee or subcommittee of the General Assembly, at the specific request of the body involved; or

(iii) appearances before a legislative committee at the specific request of a regulated lobbyist, if the witness notifies the committee that the witness is testifying at the request of the regulated lobbyist.