

(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.

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

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(a) In this section, "candidate" and "political committee" have the meanings provided in Article 33, § 1-1(a) of the Code.

(b) This section applies only to a regulated lobbyist described in § 15-701(a)(1), (2), or (3) of this subtitle who, during the period specified in subsection (c) of this section and for the purpose of influencing legislative action, communicates with a member of or candidate for election to the General Assembly] LOBBIES THE EXECUTIVE OR LEGISLATIVE BRANCH.

(c) The restrictions in this section apply from the starting date of the regulated lobbyist's registration to the end of the calendar year in which the registration period ends.

(d) (1) A regulated lobbyist who is subject to this section or a person acting on behalf of the regulated lobbyist may not, for the benefit of [a member of] THE GOVERNOR, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, ATTORNEY GENERAL, COMPTROLLER, OR MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY or candidate for election to the OFFICE OF GOVERNOR, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, ATTORNEY GENERAL, COMPTROLLER, OR MEMBER OF THE General Assembly:

(i) solicit or transmit a political contribution from any person, including a political committee;

(ii) serve on a fund-raising committee or a political committee; or

(iii) act as a treasurer or chairman of a political committee.

(2) This section does not prohibit a regulated lobbyist from:

(i) making a personal political contribution; or

(ii) informing any entity of a position taken by a candidate.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State Administrative Board of Election Laws is requested to submit a report, in accordance with § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, to the Legislative Policy Committee of the General Assembly by December 15, 1997 that includes a plan for the full implementation of electronic filing. This report is intended to provide the General Assembly with the necessary information for the consideration of legislation in the 1998 Session to make any changes to the law that are necessary for the administration of mandatory electronic filing in order that full implementation of electronic filing of campaign finance reports that are required to be filed with the State Administrative Board of Election Laws be successfully completed by November 1999.