

(iv) as to a State official of the Executive or Legislative Branch, unsolicited gifts[, not exceeding] THAT ARE NOT MEALS OR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND THAT DO NOT EXCEED [\\$15] \$20 in cost, from a regulated lobbyist;

(v) trivial gifts of informational value;

(vi) in return for participation on a panel or a speaking engagement at a meeting, reasonable expenses for food, travel, lodging, or scheduled entertainment of the official or employee if the expenses are associated with the meeting, except that, if such expenses for a State official of the Legislative or Executive Branch are to be paid by a regulated lobbyist and are anticipated to exceed \$500, the official shall notify the appropriate advisory body before attending the meeting;

(VII) AS TO A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, REASONABLE EXPENSES FOR FOOD, TRAVEL, LODGING, OR SCHEDULED ENTERTAINMENT TO ATTEND A LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE THAT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE MEMBER'S PRESIDING OFFICER;

(VIII) TICKETS OR FREE ADMISSION EXTENDED TO AN ELECTED CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER FROM THE PERSON SPONSORING OR CONDUCTING THE EVENT, AS A COURTESY OR CEREMONY TO THE OFFICE, TO ATTEND A CHARITABLE, CULTURAL, OR POLITICAL EVENT;

~~(vii) [subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection,] tickets or free admission extended to an elected constitutional officer FROM THE PERSON SPONSORING OR CONDUCTING THE EVENT, as a courtesy or ceremony to the office, to attend a professional or intercollegiate sporting event, or a charitable, cultural, or political event;~~

~~(viii) (VII) (IX)~~ 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;

~~(ix) (VIII) (X)~~ 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

~~(x) (IX) (XI)~~ to the extent provided in subsection (d) of this section, honoraria.

[(3) Paragraph (2)(vii) of this subsection may not be construed to restrict the ability of a member of the General Assembly to accept as a gift admission to any event as part of a personal interaction with an individual who is a regulated lobbyist with whom the member socializes, for purposes unrelated to the legislature, if: