

(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;

~~(viii)~~ (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)~~ (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)~~ (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:

(i) the purpose of the interaction is not related to previous or subsequent business before the legislature; and

(ii) during the interaction, no previous or subsequent business related to the legislature is discussed.]

(d) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C)(2)(VI) OF THIS SECTION, A STATE OFFICIAL OF THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH MAY NOT ACCEPT AN HONORARIUM.

(2) [Subject] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND 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.