

(iv) the total cumulative value of gifts of meals or beverages, calculated as to each recipient.

(4) The regulated lobbyist may[:

(i) declare on the form required under 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.

[(f)] (E) This section does not require the disclosure by a regulated lobbyist of any gift to the regulated lobbyist's immediate family, if the gift is:

(1) purely personal and private in nature and not related to the regulated lobbyist's lobbying activities; and

(2) from the regulated lobbyist's personal funds and not attributable to any other entity or entities.

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

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act does not apply to:

(1) Employment of a relative of a member of the General Assembly that would be prohibited under § 2-107 of the State Government Article as enacted by this Act, if the employment:

(i) was entered into prior to the effective date of this Act; and

(ii) immediately prior to the effective date of this Act was in conformance with Advisory Opinion #58 of the Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics.

(2) Employment, or other compensated relationship, that would be prohibited under § 15-504 or 15-513 of the State Government Article as enacted by this Act, if the employment or relationship:

(i) was entered into prior to the effective date of this Act; and

(ii) immediately prior to the effective date of this Act was in conformance with all applicable laws, rules, and other standards of ethical conduct.

~~SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding § 15-602(b)(2) of the State Government Article, as enacted by this Act, a member of the General Assembly shall file the financial disclosure statement covering calendar year 1998 on or before April 30, 1999.~~