

CHAPTER 405

(House Bill 1076)

AN ACT concerning

Lobbyist Ethics - Registration and Reporting Requirements

FOR the purpose of ~~exempting certain communications on behalf of a professional or trade association, association, trade association, or certain federally tax exempt entities, by a member certain members of the association or entity from the criteria that require registration as a regulated lobbyist;~~ exempting certain communications by students from the criteria that require registration; ~~exempting certain communications made in the capacity as an of a certain officer, director, or employee of certain entities from the criteria that require registration;~~ increasing the threshold amount of certain expenses or compensation above which an entity that makes certain communications must register as a regulated lobbyist; increasing the threshold amount of certain compensation paid by an entity to one or more lobbyists, above which the entity shall be deemed a regulated lobbyist; clarifying a provision that sets a threshold amount of compensation above which an entity that makes certain communications must register as a regulated lobbyist; exempting from certain lobbyist registration requirements a person who seeks to secure a business grant or loan for the purpose of locating, relocating, or expanding a business in or into the State; ~~specifying that, under certain circumstances, and official or employee may not accept a gift from an individual who is exempt from registration as a regulated lobbyist;~~ requiring the State Ethics Commission to adopt certain regulations authorizing a regulated lobbyist to serve on a State board or commission under certain circumstances; specifying that the restriction on a regulated lobbyist serving on a State board or commission may not be enforced until a certain date; altering the standard for a certain prohibited act of a regulated lobbyist; clarifying the threshold amount over which certain campaign contributions made by certain fiduciaries or subsidiaries of certain entities must be reported; clarifying the threshold amount over which a campaign contribution made by certain fiduciaries of certain entities at the suggestion or direction of the entity must be reported; requiring the State ~~Ethics Commission~~ Board of Elections to adopt certain regulations to clarify campaign contribution reporting requirements for an officer of a nonprofit entity; making this Act an emergency measure; providing for the effective date of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to lobbyist ethics and disclosure of campaign contributions.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article 33 - Election Code

Section 14-102(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

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