

~~(2) engages in an activity that is regulated or controlled by the official's or employee's governmental unit;~~

~~(3) has a financial interest that may be affected substantially and materially, in a manner distinguishable from the public generally, by the performance or nonperformance of the official's or employee's official duties; or~~

~~(4) (I) is a regulated lobbyist with respect to matters within the jurisdiction of the official or employee; OR~~

~~(II) IS EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION AS A REGULATED LOBBYIST UNDER § 15 701(B)(2)(VI) OR (4) OF THIS TITLE, AND IS SEEKING TO INFLUENCE LEGISLATIVE ACTION OR EXECUTIVE ACTION WITH RESPECT TO MATTERS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE.~~

~~(e) (2) Subject to paragraph (1) of this subsection, subsection (b) of this section does not apply to:~~

~~(i) 1. except for officials of the Legislative Branch, meals or beverages received and consumed by the official or employee in the presence of the donor or sponsoring entity;~~

~~2. for officials of the Legislative Branch, food or beverages received FROM A DONOR OR SPONSORING ENTITY, OTHER THAN AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION AS A REGULATED LOBBYIST UNDER § 15 701(B)(2)(VI) OR (4) OF THIS TITLE, and consumed by the official in the presence of the donor or sponsoring entity as part of a meal or reception, to which were invited all members of a legislative unit;~~

~~3. for a member of the General Assembly, food or beverages received from a donor or sponsoring entity, other than an individual regulated lobbyist described in § 15 701(a)(1) of this title OR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION AS A REGULATED LOBBYIST UNDER § 15 701(B)(2)(VI) OR (4) OF THIS TITLE, during a period when the General Assembly is not in session, at a location that is within a county that contains the member's district, provided that the donor or sponsoring entity is located within a county that contains the member's district; or~~

~~4. for a member of the General Assembly, food or beverages received at the time and geographic location of a meeting of a legislative organization for which the member's presiding officer has approved the member's attendance at State expense;~~

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(a) Unless exempted under subsection (b) of this section, an entity shall register with the Ethics Commission as provided in this subtitle, and shall be a "regulated lobbyist" for the purposes of this title, if, during a reporting period, the entity:

(1) for the purpose of influencing any legislative action or, as to the development or adoption of regulations or the development or issuance of an executive order, executive action: