

~~COMMUNICATION COMMUNICATIONS TO INFLUENCE LEGISLATIVE ACTION OR EXECUTIVE ACTION, AND THE PREPARATION AND PLANNING FOR SUCH COMMUNICATIONS:~~

~~(I) IS ARE IN THE INDIVIDUAL'S CAPACITY AS AN OFFICER, DIRECTOR, OR EMPLOYEE OF THE ENTITY PAYING THE COMPENSATION, AND~~

~~(II) IS NOT A DISTINCT AND CONSISTENT ELEMENT OF THE SCOPE OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S DUTIES AS AN OFFICER, DIRECTOR, OR EMPLOYEE OF THE ENTITY DO NOT CONSTITUTE 20 PERCENT OR MORE OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S EMPLOYMENT ACTIVITIES AS AN OFFICER, DIRECTOR, OR EMPLOYEE OF THE ENTITY DURING THE CURRENT OR PREVIOUS REPORTING PERIODS.~~

(5) (4) Subsection (a)(3) of this section does not apply to a bona fide salesperson or commercial selling agency employed or maintained by an employer for the purpose of soliciting or securing a procurement contract unless the person engages in acts during the reporting period that require registration under subsection (a)(1) or (2) of this section.

[(4)] (5) [Subsection] IF THE PERSON ENGAGES IN NO OTHER ACTS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD THAT REQUIRE REGISTRATION, SUBSECTION (a)(4) of this section does not apply to:

(I) a bona fide full-time official or employee of a business entity seeking to secure a business grant or loan; OR

(II) 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.

(c) (1) Except for providing the authorization required by § 15-702 of this subtitle and the report required by § 15-704(d) of this subtitle, an entity that compensates one or more regulated lobbyists, and that reasonably believes that all expenditures requiring registration will be reported by the regulated lobbyist or lobbyists, is exempt from the registration and reporting requirements of this subtitle if the entity engages in no other act that requires registration.

(2) If a regulated lobbyist compensated by an entity that is exempt under paragraph (1) of this subsection fails to report the information required by this subtitle, the entity immediately shall become subject to the registration and reporting requirements of this subtitle.

15-703.

(a) (1) At the times specified in subsection (d) of this section, each regulated lobbyist shall register with the Ethics Commission on a form provided by the Ethics Commission.

(2) A regulated lobbyist shall register separately for each entity that has engaged the regulated lobbyist for lobbying purposes.