

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 585

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROADWATER

LOBBYING: Requires lobbyists to report certain information

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S.24:55(D)(3) and R.S. 49:76(D)(3), relative to lobbying; to provide relative to
3 reporting; to provide for prohibitions; to provide for penalties; and to provide for
4 related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 24:55(D)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §55. Lobbyist expenditure reports

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9 D.

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11 (3) For the purposes of this Section, the aggregate amount or any per
12 occasion amount attributable to a legislator or the spouse or minor child of a
13 legislator or public servant, other than a legislator, in the legislative branch of state
14 government shall not include any expenditure made at an event that the legislator,
15 spouse, minor child, or public servant did not attend.

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17 Section 2. R.S. 49:76(D)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

18 §76. Lobbyist expenditure reports

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1 D.

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3 (3) For the purposes of this Section, the aggregate amount or any per
4 occasion amount attributable to an executive branch official or spouse or minor child
5 of an executive branch official shall not include any expenditure made at an event
6 that the executive branch official, spouse, or minor child did not attend.

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DIGEST

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HB 585 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Requires lobbyists to include in reports information concerning officials and family members who are invited but do not attend certain lobbying functions.

Present law (R.S. 24:50 et seq.) regulates lobbying of the legislature. Present law (R.S. 49:71 et seq.) regulates lobbying of the executive branch. Requires each lobbyist to register and provide certain identifying information for the lobbyist and the lobbyist's clients and certain information concerning lobbying activities.

Present law (R.S. 24:55 and R.S. 49:76) requires each lobbyist to file monthly reports containing certain specified information regarding expenditures incurred for the purpose of lobbying. Requires the lobbyist to include expenditures attributable to each individual official who is lobbied, as well as expenditures attributable to the spouse or minor child of the official. Requires the name of the official to be included, but not the name of the spouse or minor child.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law provides that amounts reported as being attributable to an official or the spouse or minor child of an official shall not include any expenditure made at an event that the official, spouse, or minor child did not attend.

Present law provides for enforcement by the Board of Ethics. Provides for the imposition of penalties for failing to include information required to be in a report.

Proposed law makes present law penalties applicable to proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 24:55(D)(3) and R.S. 49:76(D)(3))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Prohibit the reporting of an expenditure as being attributable to an official or the spouse or minor child of an official if the official, spouse, or minor child did not

attend the event where the expenditure was made instead of requiring the report to include a statement that the person did not attend.