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May 30, 2003

The Honorable Chester Culver
Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
L O C A L

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

House File 583, an Act relating to governmental ethics disclosure reports, including reports related to receptions for members of the General Assembly during session detailing food, beverage, and entertainment received by public officials and public employees, and reports filed by clients of lobbyists before the General Assembly and the Executive Branch pertaining to moneys paid for lobbying purposes.

The above House File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Vilsack".

Thomas J. Vilsack
Governor

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cc: Secretary of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House





HOUSE FILE 583

AN ACT

RELATING TO GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS DISCLOSURE REPORTS, INCLUDING REPORTS RELATED TO RECEPTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DURING SESSION DETAILING FOOD, BEVERAGE, AND ENTERTAINMENT RECEIVED BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, AND REPORTS FILED BY CLIENTS OF LOBBYISTS BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH PERTAINING TO MONEYS PAID FOR LOBBYING PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 68B.22, subsection 4, paragraph e, Code 2003, is amended to read as follows:

e. Anything available or distributed free of charge to members of the general public without regard to the official status of the recipient. This paragraph shall not apply to receptions described under paragraph "r".

Sec. 2. Section 68B.22, subsection 4, Code 2003, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

NEW PARAGRAPH. r. Gifts of food, beverage, and entertainment received by public officials or public employees at a reception where every member of the general assembly has been invited to attend, when the reception takes place during a regular session of the general assembly. A sponsor of a reception under this paragraph shall file a report disclosing the total amount expended, including in-kind expenditures, on food, beverage, and entertainment for the reception. The report shall be filed with the secretary of the senate, the chief clerk of the house, and the board within five business days following the date of the reception.

Sec. 3. Section 68B.38, Code 2003, is amended to read as follows:


68B.38 LOBBYIST'S CLIENT REPORTING.


1. a. On or before ~~January 31~~ and July 31 1 of each year, a lobbyist's client shall file with the general assembly or board a report that contains information on all salaries, fees, and retainers paid by the lobbyist's client to the lobbyist for lobbying purposes during the preceding ~~six~~ twelve calendar months.

b. Reports by a lobbyist's clients shall be filed with the same entity with which the lobbyist filed the lobbyist's registration.


2. a. The report ~~due January 31~~ shall include a cumulative total of all salaries, fees, retainers, and reimbursements of expenses paid to the lobbyist for lobbying activities during the preceding calendar year.

b. The secretary of the senate, chief clerk of the house, and the board shall develop forms to implement this section.


CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS
Speaker of the House


MARY E. KRAMER
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 583, Eightieth General Assembly.


MARGARET THOMSON
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved May 30, 2003


THOMAS J. VILSACK
Governor