

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6  
2 BY COMMITTEE ON ETHICS  
3 (SUCCESSOR TO HSB 5)  
4 A Resolution relating to the rules governing lobbyists  
5 in the House of Representatives.

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
7 That the House Rules Governing Lobbyists shall be as  
8 follows:

9 HOUSE RULES GOVERNING LOBBYISTS

10 1. DEFINITIONS OF TERMS. As used in these rules,  
11 "client", "gift", "immediate family member",  
12 "lobbyist", and "person" have the meanings provided in  
13 section 68B.2 of the Code, except that the terms  
14 "lobbyist" and "client" shall only refer to persons  
15 who are lobbyists or clients of lobbyists of the house  
16 of representatives. Except as otherwise provided,  
17 "employee of the house" means a full-time permanent  
18 paid employee of the house of representatives.

19 2. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

20 a. All lobbyists shall, on or before the day their  
21 lobbying activity begins, register in the manner  
22 provided under section 68B.36 of the Code. Lobbyist  
23 registration forms shall be available in the office of  
24 the chief clerk of the house.

25 b. In addition each registered lobbyist shall file  
26 with the chief clerk of the house a statement of the  
27 general subjects of legislation in which the lobbyist  
28 is or may be interested, the file number of the bills  
29 and resolutions and the bill number of study bills, if  
30 known, which will be lobbied, whether the lobbyist

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1 intends to lobby for or against each bill, resolution,  
2 or study bill, if known, and on whose behalf the  
3 lobbyist is lobbying the bill, resolution, or study  
4 bill.

5 Any change in or addition to the information  
6 required by this rule shall be registered with the  
7 chief clerk of the house within ten days from the time  
8 the change or addition is known to the lobbyist.

9 3. CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION. If a lobbyist's  
10 service on behalf of a particular employer, client, or  
11 cause is concluded after the lobbyist registers but  
12 before the first day of the next legislative session,  
13 the lobbyist shall cancel the registration in the  
14 manner required under section 68B.36 of the Code.  
15 Upon cancellation of registration, a person is  
16 prohibited from engaging in any lobbying activity on  
17 behalf of that particular employer, client, or cause  
18 until reregistering and complying with the  
19 requirements of section 68B.36 of the Code.

20 3A. AMENDMENT OF REGISTRATION. If a registered  
21 lobbyist represents more than one employer, client, or  
22 cause and the lobbyist's services are concluded on  
23 behalf of a particular employer, client, or cause  
24 after the lobbyist registers but before the first day  
25 of the next legislative session, the lobbyist shall  
26 file an amendment to the lobbyist's registration  
27 indicating which employer, client, or cause is no  
28 longer represented by the lobbyist and the date upon  
29 which the representation concluded.

30 If a lobbyist is retained by one or more additional

1 employers, clients, or causes after the lobbyist  
2 registers but before the first day of the next  
3 legislative session, the lobbyist shall file an  
4 amendment to the lobbyist's registration indicating  
5 the employer, client, or cause to be added and the  
6 date upon which the representation begins.

7 Amendments to a lobbyist's registration regarding  
8 changes which occur during the time that the general  
9 assembly is in session shall be filed within one  
10 working day after the date upon which the change in  
11 the lobbyist's representation becomes effective.

12 Amendments regarding changes which occur when the  
13 general assembly is not in session shall be filed  
14 within ten days after the date upon which the change  
15 in the lobbyist's representation becomes effective.

16 4. PUBLIC ACCESS. All information filed by a  
17 lobbyist or a client of a lobbyist under chapter 68B  
18 of the Code is a public record and open to public  
19 inspection at any reasonable time.

20 5. CHARGE ACCOUNTS. Lobbyists and the clients  
21 they represent shall not allow members of the house to  
22 charge any amounts or items to a charge account to be  
23 paid for by those lobbyists or by the clients they  
24 represent.

25 6. ACCESS TO HOUSE FLOOR. Lobbyists shall only be  
26 permitted on the floor of the house pursuant to rule  
27 20 of the rules of the house.

28 7. FEE OR BONUS PROHIBITED. A fee or bonus shall  
29 not be paid to any lobbyist with reference to any  
30 legislative action that is conditioned wholly or in

1 part upon the results attained by the lobbyist.

2 8. OFFERS OF ECONOMIC OR INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY.

3 A lobbyist, employer, or client of a lobbyist shall  
4 not offer economic or investment opportunity or  
5 promise of employment to any member of the house with  
6 intent to influence conduct in the performance of  
7 official duties.

8 9. PERSONAL OR FINANCIAL OBLIGATION. A lobbyist  
9 shall not do anything with the purpose of placing a  
10 member of the house under personal or financial  
11 obligation to a lobbyist or a lobbyist's principal or  
12 agent.

13 10. ATTEMPTS TO CREATE ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT. A  
14 lobbyist shall not cause or influence the introduction  
15 of any bill or amendment for the purpose of being  
16 employed to secure its passage or defeat.

17 11. CAMPAIGN SUPPORT. A lobbyist shall not  
18 influence or attempt to influence a member's actions  
19 by the promise of financial support for the member's  
20 candidacy or threat of financial support for an  
21 opposition candidate. A lobbyist shall not make a  
22 campaign contribution to a member or to a member's  
23 candidate's committee during the time that the general  
24 assembly is in session.

25 12. COMMUNICATION WITH MEMBER'S EMPLOYER  
26 PROHIBITED. A lobbyist shall not communicate with a  
27 member's employer for the purpose of influencing a  
28 vote of the member.

29 13. EXCESS PAYMENTS. A lobbyist shall not pay or  
30 agree to pay to a member a price, fee, compensation,

1 or other consideration for the sale or lease of any  
2 property or the furnishing of services which is  
3 substantially in excess of that which other persons in  
4 the same business or profession would charge in the  
5 ordinary course of business.

6 14. PROHIBITION AGAINST GIFTS. A lobbyist or  
7 client of a lobbyist shall not, directly or  
8 indirectly, offer or make a gift or series of gifts to  
9 any member or full-time permanent employee of the  
10 house or the immediate family members of a member or  
11 full-time permanent employee of the house except as  
12 otherwise provided in section 68B.22 of the Code. A  
13 lobbyist or client of a lobbyist who intends or plans  
14 to give a nonmonetary item, other than food or drink  
15 consumed in the presence of the donor, which does not  
16 have a readily ascertainable value, to a member or  
17 full-time permanent employee of the house, prior to  
18 giving or sending the item to the member or employee,  
19 shall seek approval of the item from the chief clerk  
20 of the house. A lobbyist or client of a lobbyist who  
21 seeks approval of an item from the chief clerk shall  
22 submit the item and evidence of the value of the item  
23 at the time that approval is requested.

24 A lobbyist shall inform each of the lobbyist's  
25 clients of the requirements of section 68B.22 of the  
26 Code and of the responsibility to seek approval prior  
27 to giving or sending a nonmonetary item which does not  
28 have a readily ascertainable value to a member or a  
29 full-time permanent employee of the house.

30 15. FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS. A lobbyist shall not,

1 directly or indirectly, make a loan to a member of the  
2 house or to an employee of the house.

3 A loan prohibited under this section does not  
4 include a loan made in the ordinary course of business  
5 of a lobbyist if the primary business of the lobbyist  
6 is something other than lobbying, if consideration of  
7 equal or greater value is received by the lobbyist,  
8 and if fair market value is given or received for the  
9 benefit conferred.

10 16. HONORARIA -- RESTRICTIONS. A lobbyist or  
11 client of a lobbyist shall not pay an honorarium to a  
12 member or employee of the house for a speaking  
13 engagement or other formal public appearance in the  
14 official capacity of the member or employee except as  
15 otherwise provided in section 68B.23 of the Code.

16 17. COMPLAINTS. The procedures for complaints and  
17 enforcement of these rules shall be the same as those  
18 provided in the house code of ethics.

19 18. PROCEDURES AND FORMS. The chief clerk of the  
20 house, subject to the approval of the house ethics  
21 committee, shall prescribe procedures for compliance  
22 with these rules, and shall prepare forms for the  
23 filing of complaints and make them available to any  
24 person.

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