

SB0970/354135/1

BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 970
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 6, after “statement;” insert “repealing a provision of law exempting certain gifts from being reported on a certain lobbying activities report by individual recipient and by name”; in lines 7 and 8, strike “the Ethics Counsel” and substitute “each member of the General Assembly”; in line 8, strike “list of names” and substitute “notice regarding a certain meeting with Ethics Counsel”; in line 12, strike the second “and” and substitute a comma; in the same line, after “5-607(a)” insert “, and 5-705(a)(1) and (b)(2)(x)”; and in line 17, after “5-607(e),” insert “5-705(c)(2),”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, after line 32, insert:

“5-705.

(a) (1) A regulated lobbyist shall file electronically with the Ethics Commission, under oath and for each registration, a separate report concerning the regulated lobbyist’s lobbying activities:

(i) by May 31 of each year, to cover the period from November 1 of the previous year through April 30 of the current year; and

(ii) by November 30 of each year, to cover the period from May 1 through October 31 of that year.

(b) A report required by this section shall include:

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(2) total expenditures in connection with influencing executive action or legislative action in each of the following categories:

(x) tickets and free admission extended to members of the General Assembly, as a courtesy or ceremony to the office, to attend charitable, cultural, or political events sponsored or conducted by the reporting entity, as allowed under § 5–505(c)(2)(viii) of this title;

(c) (2) The following gifts need not be allocated to individual recipients and reported by name:

(i) gifts reported under subsection (b)(2)(vii) and (viii) of this section; AND

(ii) gifts reported under subsection (b)(2)(ix) of this section with a value of \$200 or less; and

(iii) gifts reported under subsection (b)(2)(x) of this section, unless the recipient received from the regulated lobbyist during the reporting period two or more such gifts with a cumulative value of at least \$100].”.

On page 5, in line 28, strike the brackets; and strike in their entirety lines 29 through 32, inclusive.

On page 6, in line 1, strike the brackets; in the same line, strike “(6)”; in line 4, after “(c)” insert “**(1) EACH MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL PROVIDE AN ANNUAL NOTICE TO THE PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE MEMBER’S HOUSE INDICATING WHETHER THE MEMBER MET WITH COUNSEL FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPLYING WITH SUBSECTION (B)(4) OF THIS SECTION.**”

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(2) THE NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE IN THE FORM AND MANNER REQUIRED BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE HOUSE TO WHICH A MEMBER SUBMITTING THE NOTICE BELONGS.

(D)”;

and in line 12, strike “(d)” and substitute “**(E)**”.