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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Ethics Law - Lobbyists' Invitations to Functions - Statement of Value and Donor**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring regulated lobbyists to state in the invitation to an event or
4 function the value of the event or function and the name of the donor if different
5 from the named sponsor, if the invitation is extended to all members of the General
6 Assembly, all the members of either the House of Delegates or the Senate of
7 Maryland, or to all the members of a standing committee of the General Assembly;
8 and generally relating to lobbyist reporting requirements.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article - State Government
11 Section 15-704(a) and (b)(2)(vi)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1995 Replacement Volume)

14 BY adding to
15 Article - State Government
16 Section 15-704.1
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (1995 Replacement Volume)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
20 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article - State Government**

22 15-704.

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

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

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

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1 (2) If the regulated lobbyist is not an individual, an authorized officer or
2 agent of the regulated lobbyist shall sign the report.

3 (3) If a prorated amount is reported as compensation, it shall be labeled as
4 prorated.

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

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

8 (vi) special events, including parties, meals, athletic events,
9 entertainment, or other functions to which were invited all members of:

- 10 1. the General Assembly;
- 11 2. either house of the General Assembly; or
- 12 3. a standing committee of the General Assembly;

13 15-704.1.

14 AN INVITATION EXTENDED BY A REGULATED LOBBYIST TO A MEMBER OF THE
15 GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR AN EVENT OR FUNCTION DESCRIBED IN § 15-704(B)(2)(VI)
16 SHALL STATE THE VALUE, TO THE MEMBER, OF THE EVENT AND CONTAIN THE
17 NAME OF THE DONOR, IF DIFFERENT FROM THE NAMED SPONSOR OF THE EVENT.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 October 1, 1996.