

BY: Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 3, in line 14, after "MEMBER" insert "FROM THE SAME LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 15, strike "PUBLIC".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 5, strike beginning with "BUT" in line 21 down through "FUNCTION" in line 22.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 7, after line 15, insert:

"(II) IN MATTERS INVOLVING THE MEMBER'S REGULAR BUSINESS, EMPLOYMENT, OR PROFESSION, IN WHICH CONTACT WITH A GOVERNMENTAL UNIT:

1. IS AN INCIDENTAL PART OF THE BUSINESS, EMPLOYMENT, OR PROFESSION; AND

2. IS MADE IN THE MANNER THAT IS CUSTOMARY FOR PERSONS IN THAT BUSINESS, EMPLOYMENT, OR PROFESSION;";

and in lines 16, 20, and 23, strike "(II)", "(III)", and "(IV)", respectively, and substitute "(III)", "(IV)", and "(V)", respectively.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 9, in lines 13 and 14, strike "A PERSON REQUIRED TO BE REGULATED

(Over)

UNDER § 15-701” and substitute “AN INDIVIDUAL REGULATED LOBBYIST DESCRIBED IN § 15-701(A)(1)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 10, in line 8, strike “RECEPTION” and substitute “MEAL OR RECEPTION,”.

On page 31, in line 17, strike “RECEPTION” and substitute “MEAL OR RECEPTION,”.

On page 34, in line 11, strike “RECEPTION” and substitute “MEAL OR RECEPTION,”.

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 10, strike in their entirety lines 10 through 16, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 10, strike in their entirety lines 31 through 35, inclusive; and in line 36, strike “(viii)” and substitute “(VII)”.

On page 11, in lines 2 and 7, strike “(ix)” and “(x)”, respectively, and substitute “(VIII)” and “(IX)”, respectively.

On page 12, after line 2, insert:

“(E) A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY NOT ACCEPT THE GIFT OF A TICKET OR FREE ADMISSION TO A SPORTING EVENT, OR A CHARITABLE, CULTURAL, OR POLITICAL EVENT, FROM:

(1) A REGULATED LOBBYIST; OR

(2) ANY OTHER ENTITY, INCLUDING A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY, THAT HAS AN INTEREST THAT MAY BE DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE MEMBER’S VOTE ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION.”;

and in line 3, strike “(e)” and substitute “(F)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 13, in line 16, strike “, or from the facts is presumed to know,”.

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 13, in line 34, after “LOAN” insert “, OTHER THAN A LOAN FROM A COMMERCIAL LENDER IN THE NORMAL COURSE OF BUSINESS,”.

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 13, in line 38, after “(1)” insert “(I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH,”; and in line 40, strike “(I)” and substitute “1.”.

On page 14, in lines 1 and 2, strike “(II)” and “(III)”, respectively, and substitute “2.” and “3.”, respectively; and after line 2, insert:

“(II) THIS PARAGRAPH DOES NOT APPLY TO A VOTE ON:

1. THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET BILL, IN ITS ENTIRETY; OR

2. THE ANNUAL CAPITAL BUDGET BILL, IN ITS ENTIRETY.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 15, strike in their entirety lines 10 and 11 and substitute:

“(2) THE JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE MAY EXEMPT AN INDIVIDUAL FROM THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IF THE EARNED INCOME IS FOR:

(I) EDUCATIONAL INSTRUCTION PROVIDED BY THE MEMBER, CANDIDATE, OR MEMBER-ELECT;

(II) A POSITION THAT IS SUBJECT TO A MERIT SYSTEM HIRING PROCESS;

(III) A HUMAN SERVICES POSITION; OR

(IV) A CAREER PROMOTION, CHANGE, OR PROGRESSION THAT IS A LOGICAL TRANSITION FROM A PRE-EXISTING RELATIONSHIP AS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (3)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION.”;

and in line 18, strike “PARAGRAPH (1) OF”.

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 20, in lines 15 and 16, strike “BASED ON CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY RULE”.

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 20, in line 25, strike “statement” and substitute “COMPLAINT”.

AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 21, after line 19, insert:

“(D) AFTER REVIEW OF A COMPLAINT, THE JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE SHALL PROVIDE A STATEMENT OF ITS FINDINGS TO THE LEGISLATOR AGAINST WHOM THE COMPLAINT HAS BEEN FILED.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 25, in line 12, after “(1)” insert “(I)”; and after line 17, insert:

“(II) IF THE JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE EXERCISES SUBPOENA POWERS UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH, THE LEGISLATOR WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF THE INVESTIGATION MAY REQUIRE THE JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE TO ISSUE ONE OR MORE SUBPOENAS ON THAT LEGISLATOR’S BEHALF.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 2, in line 5, before “requiring” insert “requiring a member of the General Assembly”.

to file a certain preliminary financial disclosure under certain circumstances;”.

On page 27, in line 16, strike “(1)”; and strike in their entirety lines 19 through 22, inclusive, and substitute:

“(C) (1) IN ADDITION TO THE STATEMENT FILED UNDER § 15-601 OF THIS SUBTITLE, A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL FILE A PRELIMINARY DISCLOSURE ON OR BEFORE THE SEVENTH DAY OF THE REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION IF THERE WILL BE A SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE IN THE STATEMENT COVERING THE CALENDAR YEAR IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE YEAR OF FILING, AS COMPARED TO THE NEXT PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR.

(2) A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHOSE STATEMENT UNDER § 15-601 OF THIS SUBTITLE WILL NOT CONTAIN A SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE IS NOT REQUIRED TO FILE A PRELIMINARY DISCLOSURE UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(3) THE JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE SHALL:

(I) PRESCRIBE THE FORM OF A PRELIMINARY DISCLOSURE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION; AND

(II) DETERMINE WHICH ASPECTS OF FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE ARE SUBJECT TO THIS SUBSECTION.

(4) A PRELIMINARY DISCLOSURE SHALL BE FILED AND MAINTAINED, AND MAY BE DISCLOSED, IN THE SAME MANNER PRESCRIBED FOR A STATEMENT FILED UNDER § 15-601 OF THIS SUBTITLE.”;

and in line 23, strike “(C)” and substitute “(D)”.