

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 585

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROADWATER

LOBBYING: Requires lobbyists to report certain information

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 24:55(H) and R.S. 49:76(H), relative to lobbying; to provide relative to
3 reporting; to require certain information to be reported by lobbyists; to provide for
4 penalties; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 24:55(H) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §55. Lobbyist expenditure reports

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9 H. If the name of a legislator is included in a report because expenditures
10 were attributed to the legislator or to his spouse or minor child and the legislator,
11 spouse, or minor child was invited but did not actually attend the function where the
12 expenditures were made, the report shall include a statement indicating that the
13 legislator, spouse, or minor child included in the report did not attend the function.

14 Section 2. R.S. 49:76(H) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

15 §76. Lobbyist expenditure reports

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17 H. If the name of an executive branch official is included in a report because
18 expenditures were attributed to the official or to his spouse or minor child and the
19 official, spouse, or minor child was invited but did not actually attend the function
20 where the expenditures were made, the report shall include a statement indicating

1 that the official, spouse, or minor child included in the report did not attend the
2 function.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires lobbyists to include in reports information concerning officials and family members who are invited but do not attend certain lobbying functions.

Present law (R.S. 24:50 et seq.) regulates lobbying of the legislature. Present law (R.S. 49:71 et seq.) regulates lobbying of the executive branch. Requires each lobbyist to register and provide certain identifying information for the lobbyist and the lobbyist's clients and certain information concerning lobbying activities.

Present law (R.S. 24:55 and R.S. 49:76) requires each lobbyist to file monthly reports containing certain specified information regarding expenditures incurred for the purpose of lobbying. Requires the lobbyist to include expenditures attributable to each individual official who is lobbied, as well as expenditures attributable to the spouse or minor child of the official. Requires the name of the official to be included, but not the name of the spouse or minor child.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law provides that if the name of an official is included in a report because expenditures were attributed to the official or to his spouse or minor child and the official, spouse, or minor child was invited but did not actually attend the function where the expenditures were made, the report shall include a statement indicating that the official, spouse, or minor child did not attend the function.

Present law provides for enforcement by the Board of Ethics. Provides for the imposition of penalties for failing to include information required to be in a report.

Proposed law makes present law penalties applicable to proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 24:55(H) and R.S. 49:76(H))