

1-1 By: Watson, Burton S.B. No. 585  
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 1-5 Nays 0; April 29, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Huffman	X			
1-8 Ellis	X			
1-9 Birdwell	X			
1-10 Creighton	X			
1-11 Estes	X			
1-12 Fraser	X			
1-13 Nelson	X			
1-14 Schwertner	X			
1-15 Zaffirini			X	

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the content of detailed reports filed by registered  
 1-20 lobbyists.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Sections 305.0061(a), (b), and (c), Government  
 1-23 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-24 (a) If a registrant or a person on the registrant's behalf  
 1-25 and with the registrant's consent or ratification makes  
 1-26 expenditures that exceed \$50 [~~60 percent of the amount of the~~  
 1-27 ~~legislative per diem in~~] a day for transportation or lodging for a  
 1-28 member of the legislative or executive branch or for the immediate  
 1-29 family of a member of the legislative or executive branch, the  
 1-30 registrant shall also state the following on the report filed under  
 1-31 Section 305.006:

1-32 (1) the name of the member of the legislative or  
 1-33 executive branch in whose behalf the expenditure is made;

1-34 (2) the place and date of the transportation or  
 1-35 lodging; and

1-36 (3) the purpose of the transportation or lodging.

1-37 (b) If a registrant or a person on the registrant's behalf  
 1-38 and with the registrant's consent or ratification makes  
 1-39 expenditures that exceed \$50 [~~60 percent of the amount of the~~  
 1-40 ~~legislative per diem in~~] a day for food and beverages for a member  
 1-41 of the legislative or executive branch or for the immediate family  
 1-42 of a member of the legislative or executive branch or makes  
 1-43 expenditures that exceed \$50 [~~60 percent of the amount of the~~  
 1-44 ~~legislative per diem in~~] a day for entertainment for a member of the  
 1-45 legislative or executive branch or for the immediate family of a  
 1-46 member of the legislative or executive branch, the registrant shall  
 1-47 also state the following on the report filed under Section 305.006:

1-48 (1) the name of the member of the legislative or  
 1-49 executive branch in whose behalf the expenditure is made;

1-50 (2) the place and date of the expenditure; and

1-51 (3) the amount of the expenditure by the appropriate  
 1-52 category of the amount, as determined by the commission.

1-53 (c) If a registrant or a person on the registrant's behalf  
 1-54 and with the registrant's consent or ratification gives to a member  
 1-55 of the legislative or executive branch, or to the immediate family  
 1-56 of a member of the legislative or executive branch, a gift or an  
 1-57 award or memento, the value of which exceeds \$50 per gift, award, or  
 1-58 memento, the registrant shall also state the following on the  
 1-59 report filed under Section 305.006:

1-60 (1) the name of the member of the legislative or  
 1-61 executive branch in whose behalf the expenditure is made;

2-1 (2) a general description of the gift, award, or  
2-2 memento; and

2-3 (3) the amount of the expenditure by the appropriate  
2-4 category of the amount, as determined by the commission.

2-5 SECTION 2. Section 305.0061(g), Government Code, is  
2-6 repealed.

2-7 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
2-8 a gift, award, or memento given to or expenditures for  
2-9 transportation, lodging, food, beverages, or entertainment made  
2-10 for a member of the legislative or executive branch or the immediate  
2-11 family of a member of the legislative or executive branch on or  
2-12 after the effective date of this Act. A gift, award, or memento  
2-13 given to or an expenditure for transportation, lodging, food,  
2-14 beverages, or entertainment made for a member of the legislative or  
2-15 executive branch or the immediate family of a member of the  
2-16 legislative or executive branch before the effective date of this  
2-17 Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the gift, award, or  
2-18 memento was given, or the date the expenditure for transportation,  
2-19 lodging, food, beverages, or entertainment was made, and the former  
2-20 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

2-21 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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