

1-1 By: Watson, Burton S.B. No. 586
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 16, 2015; February 23, 2015,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
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 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; April 29, 2015,
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1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
1-10	X			
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1-12	X			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 586 By: Zaffirini

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the content of detailed reports filed by lobbyists.
 1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-23 SECTION 1. Section 305.0061, Government Code, is amended by
 1-24 amending Subsections (a), (b), and (c), and adding Subsection (h)
 1-25 to read as follows:
 1-26 (a) If a registrant or a person on the registrant's behalf
 1-27 and with the registrant's consent or ratification makes
 1-28 expenditures that exceed \$50 [~~60 percent of the amount of the~~
 1-29 ~~legislative per diem in~~] a day for transportation or lodging for a
 1-30 member of the legislative or executive branch or for the immediate
 1-31 family of a member of the legislative or executive branch, the
 1-32 registrant shall also state the following on the report filed under
 1-33 Section 305.006:
 1-34 (1) the name of the member of the legislative or
 1-35 executive branch in whose behalf the expenditure is made;
 1-36 (2) the place and date of the transportation or
 1-37 lodging; and
 1-38 (3) the purpose of the transportation or lodging.
 1-39 (b) If a registrant or a person on the registrant's behalf
 1-40 and with the registrant's consent or ratification makes
 1-41 expenditures that exceed \$50 [~~60 percent of the amount of the~~
 1-42 ~~legislative per diem in~~] a day for food and beverages for a member
 1-43 of the legislative or executive branch or for the immediate family
 1-44 of a member of the legislative or executive branch or makes
 1-45 expenditures that exceed \$50 [~~60 percent of the amount of the~~
 1-46 ~~legislative per diem in~~] a day for entertainment for a member of the
 1-47 legislative or executive branch or for the immediate family of a
 1-48 member of the legislative or executive branch, the registrant shall
 1-49 also state the following on the report filed under Section 305.006:
 1-50 (1) the name of the member of the legislative or
 1-51 executive branch in whose behalf the expenditure is made;
 1-52 (2) the place and date of the expenditure; and
 1-53 (3) the amount of the expenditure by the appropriate
 1-54 category of the amount, as determined by the commission.
 1-55 (c) If a registrant or a person on the registrant's behalf
 1-56 and with the registrant's consent or ratification gives to a member
 1-57 of the legislative or executive branch, or to the immediate family
 1-58 of a member of the legislative or executive branch, a gift or an
 1-59 award or memento, the value of which exceeds \$50 per gift, award, or
 1-60 memento, the registrant shall also state the following on the

2-1 report filed under Section 305.006:

2-2 (1) the name of the member of the legislative or
2-3 executive branch in whose behalf the expenditure is made;

2-4 (2) a general description of the gift, award, or
2-5 memento; and

2-6 (3) the amount of the expenditure by the appropriate
2-7 category of the amount, as determined by the commission.

2-8 (h) If more than one registrant or persons acting on behalf
2-9 of more than one registrant and with each registrant's consent or
2-10 ratification collaborate to make an expenditure described by
2-11 Section 305.006(b) together, each registrant shall report the total
2-12 value of the shared expenditure as required by Subsection (a), (b),
2-13 or (c), if the total value of the shared expenditure exceeds the
2-14 amount provided under Subsection (a), (b), or (c).

2-15 SECTION 2. Section 305.024(a), Government Code, as amended
2-16 by Chapters 92 (S.B. 1011) and 206 (H.B. 1508), Acts of the 79th
2-17 Legislature, Regular Session, 2005, is reenacted and amended to
2-18 read as follows:

2-19 (a) Except as provided by Section 305.025, a person
2-20 registered under Section 305.005 or a person on the registrant's
2-21 behalf and with the registrant's consent or ratification may not
2-22 offer, confer, or agree to confer:

2-23 (1) to an individual described by Section
2-24 305.0062(a)(1), (2), (3), (4), or (5):

2-25 (A) a loan, including the guarantee or
2-26 endorsement of a loan; or

2-27 (B) a gift of cash or a negotiable instrument as
2-28 described by Section 3.104, Business & Commerce Code; or

2-29 (2) to an individual described by Section
2-30 305.0062(a)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), or (7):

2-31 (A) an expenditure for transportation and
2-32 lodging;

2-33 (B) an expenditure or series of expenditures for
2-34 entertainment that in the aggregate exceed \$500 in a calendar year;

2-35 (C) an expenditure or series of expenditures for
2-36 gifts that in the aggregate exceed \$500 in a calendar year;

2-37 (D) an expenditure for an award or memento that
2-38 exceeds \$500; or

2-39 (E) an expenditure described by Section
2-40 305.006(b)(1), (2), (3), or (6) unless:

2-41 (i) ~~(A)~~ the registrant is present at the
2-42 event; or

2-43 (ii) ~~(B)~~ the expenditure is for a gift of
2-44 food or beverages required to be reported under Section
2-45 305.006(b)(4) in accordance with Section 305.0061(e-1).

2-46 SECTION 3. Section 305.024, Government Code, is amended by
2-47 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

2-48 (d) The registrant shall notify a member of the legislative
2-49 or executive branch when the registrant has reported, as to that
2-50 member of the legislative or executive branch, expenditures that,
2-51 in the aggregate, equal the monetary limits for expenditures under
2-52 Subsection (a)(2).

2-53 SECTION 4. Section 305.031(a), Government Code, is amended
2-54 to read as follows:

2-55 (a) A person commits an offense if the person intentionally
2-56 or knowingly violates a provision of this chapter other than
2-57 Section 305.022, 305.024(d), or 305.028. An offense under this
2-58 subsection is a Class A misdemeanor.

2-59 SECTION 5. Sections 305.0061(g) and 305.024(c), Government
2-60 Code, are repealed.

2-61 SECTION 6. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
2-62 a gift, award, or memento given to or expenditures for
2-63 transportation, lodging, food, beverages, or entertainment made
2-64 for a member of the legislative or executive branch or the immediate
2-65 family of a member of the legislative or executive branch on or
2-66 after the effective date of this Act. A gift, award, or memento
2-67 given to or an expenditure for transportation, lodging, food,
2-68 beverages, or entertainment made for a member of the legislative or
2-69 executive branch or the immediate family of a member of the

3-1 legislative or executive branch before the effective date of this
3-2 Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the gift, award, or
3-3 memento was given, or the date the expenditure for transportation,
3-4 lodging, food, beverages, or entertainment was made, and the former
3-5 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

3-6 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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