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A Bill

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5 By: Representative Sabin
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE RECEIPT
9 OF GIFTS FROM LOBBYISTS BY CERTAIN ELECTED OFFICIALS;
10 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 21, Chapter 8, Subchapter 3
22 is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 21-8-310. Gifts from lobbyists.

24 (a) Persons elected to the following offices shall not knowingly or
25 willfully solicit or accept a gift from a lobbyist, a person acting on behalf
26 of a lobbyist, or a person employing a lobbyist:

27 (1) Governor;

28 (2) Lieutenant Governor;

29 (3) Secretary of State;

30 (4) Treasurer of State;

31 (5) Auditor of State;

32 (6) Attorney General;

33 (7) Commissioner of State Lands; and

34 (8) Member of the General Assembly.

35 (b) As used in this section:

36 (1)(A) "Gift" means any payment, entertainment, advance,



1 services, or anything of value unless consideration of equal or greater value
2 has been given therefor.

3 (B) "Gift" does not include:

4 (i)(a) Informational material such as books,
5 reports, pamphlets, calendars, or periodicals informing a person elected to
6 an office under subsection (a) of this section regarding his or her official
7 duties.

8 (b) Payments for travel or reimbursement for
9 any expenses are not informational material;

10 (ii) Gifts which are not used and which, within
11 thirty (30) days after receipt, are returned to the donor;

12 (iii) Gifts from the spouse, child, parent,
13 grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, parent-in-law, brother-in-law,
14 sister-in-law, nephew, niece, aunt, uncle, or first cousin of a person
15 elected to an office under subsection (a) of this section, or the spouse of
16 any of these persons, unless the person is acting as an agent or intermediary
17 for any person not covered by this subdivision (b)(1)(B)(iii);

18 (iv) Anything of value that is readily available to
19 the general public;

20 (v) Food or drink available at a public group event;

21 (vi) Campaign contributions; and

22 (vii) Any devise or inheritance; and

23 (2) "Lobbyist" means the same as defined in § 21-8-402.

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