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(a) Unless exempted under subsection (b) of this section, an entity shall register with the Ethics Commission as provided in this subtitle, and shall be a "regulated lobbyist" for the purposes of this title, if, during a reporting period, the entity:

(1) for the purpose of influencing ANY legislative action OR, AS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OR ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS OR THE DEVELOPMENT OR ISSUANCE OF AN EXECUTIVE ORDER, EXECUTIVE ACTION:

(i) 1. communicates with an official or employee of the Legislative Branch or Executive Branch in the presence of that official or employee; and

[(ii)] 2. exclusive of the personal travel or subsistence expenses of the entity or a representative of the entity, incurs expenses of at least \$100 or earns at least \$500 as compensation; OR

(II) 1. COMMUNICATES WITH AN OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OR EXECUTIVE BRANCH; AND

2. EARNS AT LEAST \$5,000 AS COMPENSATION;

(2) in connection with or for the purpose of influencing ANY executive action, spends a cumulative value of at least \$100 for [meals, beverages, special events, or gifts on] GIFTS, INCLUDING MEALS, BEVERAGES, AND SPECIAL EVENTS, TO one or more officials or employees of the Executive Branch;

(3) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B)(3) OF THIS SECTION, is [employed] COMPENSATED to influence executive action on a procurement contract that exceeds \$100,000;

(4) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B)(4) OF THIS SECTION, IS COMPENSATED BY A BUSINESS ENTITY TO INFLUENCE EXECUTIVE ACTION TO SECURE FROM THE STATE A BUSINESS GRANT OR LOAN WITH A VALUE OF MORE THAN \$100,000 FOR THE BUSINESS ENTITY;

[(4)] (5) spends at least \$2,000, including EXPENDITURES FOR SALARIES, CONTRACTUAL EMPLOYEES, postage, TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, ELECTRONIC SERVICES, ADVERTISING, PRINTING, AND DELIVERY SERVICES for the express purpose of soliciting others to communicate with an official to influence legislative action or executive action; or

[(5)] (6) spends at least \$500 to provide compensation to one or more entities required to register under this subsection.

(b) (1) The following activities are exempt from regulation under this subtitle:

(i) appearances as part of the official duties of an elected or appointed official or employee of the State, a political subdivision of the State, or the United States, to the extent that the appearance is not on behalf of any other entity;