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H.B. No. 2489

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to registration and reporting requirements for lobbyists.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 305.003(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person must register with the commission under this chapter if the person:

(1) makes a total expenditure of an amount determined by commission rule but not less than \$200 in a calendar quarter, not including the person's own travel, food, or lodging expenses or the person's own membership dues, on activities described in Section 305.006(b) to communicate directly with one or more members of the legislative or executive branch to influence legislation or administrative action; or

(2) receives, or is entitled to receive under an agreement under which the person is retained or employed, compensation or reimbursement, not including reimbursement for the person's own travel, food, or lodging expenses or the person's own membership dues, of more than an amount determined by commission rule but not less than \$200 in a calendar quarter from another person to communicate directly with a member of the legislative or executive branch to influence legislation or administrative action.

SECTION 2. Section 305.005, Government Code, is amended by

1 amending Subsection (g) and adding Subsection (g-1) to read as
2 follows:

3 (g) Compensation or reimbursement required to be reported
4 under Subsection (f)(6) shall be reported in the following
5 categories unless reported as an exact amount:

6 (1) \$0 if no compensation or reimbursement is
7 received;

8 (2) less than \$10,000;

9 (3) at least \$10,000 but less than \$25,000;

10 (4) at least \$25,000 but less than \$50,000;

11 (5) at least \$50,000 but less than \$100,000;

12 (6) at least \$100,000 but less than \$150,000;

13 (7) at least \$150,000 but less than \$200,000; ~~and~~

14 (8) at least \$200,000 but less than \$250,000;

15 (9) at least \$250,000 but less than \$300,000;

16 (10) at least \$300,000 but less than \$350,000;

17 (11) at least \$350,000 but less than \$400,000;

18 (12) at least \$400,000 but less than \$450,000;

19 (13) at least \$450,000 but less than \$500,000; and

20 (14) \$500,000 or more.

21 (g-1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section,
22 compensation or reimbursement required to be reported under
23 Subsection (f)(6) shall be reported as an exact amount if the
24 compensation or reimbursement received exceeds \$500,000.

25 SECTION 3. Section 305.005(g), Government Code, as amended
26 by this Act, applies only to a registration or registration renewal
27 required to be filed under Chapter 305, Government Code, on or after

1 September 1, 2007. A registration or registration renewal required
2 to be filed under Chapter 305, Government Code, before September 1,
3 2007, is governed by the law as it existed immediately before
4 September 1, 2007, and that law is continued in effect for that
5 purpose.

6 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.