

1-1 By: Berman, Bohac (Senate Sponsor - Duncan) H.B. No. 2489
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 16, 2007;
1-3 April 17, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-4 Affairs; May 11, 2007, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 11, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to registration and reporting requirements for lobbyists.
1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. Section 305.003(a), Government Code, is amended
1-11 to read as follows:

1-12 (a) A person must register with the commission under this
1-13 chapter if the person:

1-14 (1) makes a total expenditure of an amount determined
1-15 by commission rule but not less than \$200 in a calendar quarter, not
1-16 including the person's own travel, food, or lodging expenses or the
1-17 person's own membership dues, on activities described in Section
1-18 305.006(b) to communicate directly with one or more members of the
1-19 legislative or executive branch to influence legislation or
1-20 administrative action; or

1-21 (2) receives, or is entitled to receive under an
1-22 agreement under which the person is retained or employed,
1-23 compensation or reimbursement, not including reimbursement for the
1-24 person's own travel, food, or lodging expenses or the person's own
1-25 membership dues, of more than an amount determined by commission
1-26 rule but not less than \$200 in a calendar quarter from another
1-27 person to communicate directly with a member of the legislative or
1-28 executive branch to influence legislation or administrative
1-29 action.

1-30 SECTION 2. Section 305.005, Government Code, is amended by
1-31 amending Subsection (g) and adding Subsection (g-1) to read as
1-32 follows:

1-33 (g) Compensation or reimbursement required to be reported
1-34 under Subsection (f)(6) shall be reported in the following
1-35 categories unless reported as an exact amount:

- 1-36 (1) \$0 if no compensation or reimbursement is
1-37 received;
- 1-38 (2) less than \$10,000;
 - 1-39 (3) at least \$10,000 but less than \$25,000;
 - 1-40 (4) at least \$25,000 but less than \$50,000;
 - 1-41 (5) at least \$50,000 but less than \$100,000;
 - 1-42 (6) at least \$100,000 but less than \$150,000;
 - 1-43 (7) at least \$150,000 but less than \$200,000; ~~and~~
 - 1-44 (8) at least \$200,000 but less than \$250,000;
 - 1-45 (9) at least \$250,000 but less than \$300,000;
 - 1-46 (10) at least \$300,000 but less than \$350,000;
 - 1-47 (11) at least \$350,000 but less than \$400,000;
 - 1-48 (12) at least \$400,000 but less than \$450,000;
 - 1-49 (13) at least \$450,000 but less than \$500,000; and
 - 1-50 (14) \$500,000 or more.

1-51 (g-1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section,
1-52 compensation or reimbursement required to be reported under
1-53 Subsection (f)(6) shall be reported as an exact amount if the
1-54 compensation or reimbursement received exceeds \$500,000.

1-55 SECTION 3. Section 305.005(g), Government Code, as amended
1-56 by this Act, applies only to a registration or registration renewal
1-57 required to be filed under Chapter 305, Government Code, on or after
1-58 September 1, 2007. A registration or registration renewal required
1-59 to be filed under Chapter 305, Government Code, before September 1,
1-60 2007, is governed by the law as it existed immediately before
1-61 September 1, 2007, and that law is continued in effect for that
1-62 purpose.

1-63 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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