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H.B. No. 2735

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to determining the amount for purposes of the law
3 governing registered lobbyists of expenditures made jointly.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 305, Government Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 305.0021 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 305.0021. DETERMINATION OF AMOUNT OF JOINT
8 EXPENDITURE. If a registrant, or a person on the registrant's
9 behalf and with the registrant's consent or ratification, joins
10 with another person to make an expenditure described by this
11 chapter, the amount of the expenditure made by or on behalf of the
12 registrant for purposes of this chapter includes only:

13 (1) the amount of the portion of the joint expenditure
14 contributed by the registrant; and

15 (2) the amount of any portion of the joint expenditure
16 that:

17 (A) is made on behalf of the registrant by a
18 person who is not a registrant; and

19 (B) is not otherwise reported under this chapter.

20 SECTION 2. (a) The change in law made by this Act applies
21 only to the reporting under Chapter 305, Government Code, of an
22 expenditure made on or after September 1, 2007. The reporting under
23 Chapter 305, Government Code, of an expenditure made before
24 September 1, 2007, is governed by the law in effect at the time the

1 expenditure is made, and the former law is continued in effect for
2 that purpose.

3 (b) The change in law made by this Act applies only to an
4 offense committed on or after September 1, 2007. For the purposes
5 of this section, an offense is committed before September 1, 2007,
6 if any element of the offense occurs before that date. An offense
7 committed before September 1, 2007, is covered by the law in effect
8 when the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in
9 effect for that purpose.

10 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.