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S.B. No. 1192

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to restrictions on certain lobbyist expenditures for meals provided to legislators; providing a criminal penalty.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 305, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 305.0242 to read as follows:

Sec. 305.0242. ADDITIONAL RESTRICTION ON EXPENDITURES FOR LEGISLATORS. A person registered under Section 305.005 or a person on the registrant's behalf and with the registrant's consent or ratification may not make an expenditure for food or beverages provided as a meal to a member of the legislature or an expenditure for an alcoholic beverage provided to a member of the legislature unless:

(1) the expenditure may otherwise be made under this chapter; and

(2) the food or beverage is provided at a reception or similar event at which 30 or more persons are present.

SECTION 2. Section 305.031, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(a) A person commits an offense if the person intentionally or knowingly violates a provision of this chapter other than Section 305.022, 305.0242, or 305.028. An offense under this subsection is a Class A misdemeanor.

1 (c) A person commits an offense if the person intentionally
2 or knowingly violates Section 305.0242. An offense under this
3 subsection is a Class C misdemeanor. If conduct constituting an
4 offense under this subsection also constitutes an offense under
5 another law, the actor may be prosecuted under this subsection or
6 the other law.

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