

AN ACT

relating to lobbying activities and the registration of lobbyists.

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

SECTION 1. Section 305.002, Government Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (2-a) to read as follows:

(2-a) "Communicates directly with a member of the legislative or executive branch to influence legislation or administrative action" or any variation of the phrase includes establishing goodwill with the member for the purpose of later communicating with the member to influence legislation or administrative action.

SECTION 2. Section 305.003, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsections (b-3) and (b-4) to read as follows:

(b-3) Subsection (a)(2) does not require a person to register if the person spends not more than 26 hours, or another amount of time determined by the commission, for which the person is compensated or reimbursed during the calendar quarter engaging in activity, including preparatory activity as defined by the commission, to communicate directly with a member of the legislative or executive branch to influence legislation or administrative action.

(b-4) If a person spends more than eight hours in a single day engaging in activity to communicate directly with a member of the legislative or executive branch to influence legislation or

1 administrative action, the person is considered to have engaged in
2 the activity for only eight hours during that day for purposes of
3 Subsection (b-3).

4 SECTION 3. Section 305.003, Government Code, as amended by
5 this Act, applies only to a registration or registration renewal
6 required to be filed under Chapter 305, Government Code, on or after
7 the effective date of this Act. A registration or registration
8 renewal required to be filed under Chapter 305, Government Code,
9 before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in
10 effect on the date the registration or registration renewal is due,
11 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

12 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3512 was passed by the House on May 8, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 122, Nays 12, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3512 was passed by the Senate on May 27, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor