

1-1 By: Davis of Harris (Senate Sponsor - Huffman) H.B. No. 3512
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 11, 2015;
 1-3 May 12, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on State
 1-4 Affairs; May 21, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 21, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to lobbying activities and the registration of lobbyists.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Section 305.002, Government Code, is amended by
 1-22 adding Subdivision (2-a) to read as follows:

1-23 (2-a) "Communicates directly with a member of the
 1-24 legislative or executive branch to influence legislation or
 1-25 administrative action" or any variation of the phrase includes
 1-26 establishing goodwill with the member for the purpose of later
 1-27 communicating with the member to influence legislation or
 1-28 administrative action.

1-29 SECTION 2. Section 305.003, Government Code, is amended by
 1-30 adding Subsections (b-3) and (b-4) to read as follows:

1-31 (b-3) Subsection (a)(2) does not require a person to
 1-32 register if the person spends not more than 26 hours, or another
 1-33 amount of time determined by the commission, for which the person is
 1-34 compensated or reimbursed during the calendar quarter engaging in
 1-35 activity, including preparatory activity as defined by the
 1-36 commission, to communicate directly with a member of the
 1-37 legislative or executive branch to influence legislation or
 1-38 administrative action.

1-39 (b-4) If a person spends more than eight hours in a single
 1-40 day engaging in activity to communicate directly with a member of
 1-41 the legislative or executive branch to influence legislation or
 1-42 administrative action, the person is considered to have engaged in
 1-43 the activity for only eight hours during that day for purposes of
 1-44 Subsection (b-3).

1-45 SECTION 3. Section 305.003, Government Code, as amended by
 1-46 this Act, applies only to a registration or registration renewal
 1-47 required to be filed under Chapter 305, Government Code, on or after
 1-48 the effective date of this Act. A registration or registration
 1-49 renewal required to be filed under Chapter 305, Government Code,
 1-50 before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in
 1-51 effect on the date the registration or registration renewal is due,
 1-52 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-53 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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