

AN ACT

relating to requirements governing registration and authorized activities of certain lobbyists; expanding the applicability of an occupational registration.

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

SECTION 1. Section 305.0041(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person is not required to register under this chapter in accordance with Section 305.003(a)(2) solely because the person receives or is entitled to receive compensation or reimbursement to:

(1) communicate as an employee of a vendor of a product or service to a member of the executive branch concerning state agency purchasing decisions that do not exceed 10 million dollars involving a product, service, or service provider or negotiations regarding such decisions;

(2) communicate as an employee of a vendor of a product or service to a member of the executive branch concerning state agency purchasing decisions that exceed 10 million dollars involving a product, service, or service provider or negotiations regarding such decisions if the compensation for the communication is not totally or partially contingent on the outcome of any administrative action;

(3) ~~communicate in a capacity other than as an~~

1 ~~employee of a vendor of a product or service to a member of the~~
2 ~~executive branch concerning state agency purchasing decisions~~
3 ~~involving a product, service, or service provider or negotiations~~
4 ~~regarding such decisions if the compensation for the communication~~
5 ~~is not totally or partially contingent on the outcome of any~~
6 ~~administrative action;~~

7 ~~[(4)]~~ communicate as a member of an advisory committee
8 or task force if the person is appointed to serve in that capacity
9 by a member of the legislative or executive branch; or

10 (4) ~~[(5)]~~ communicate as a member of a board, task
11 force, or advisory committee on which a member of the legislative or
12 executive branch also serves.

13 SECTION 2. Sections [305.022](#)(c-1) and (c-3), Government
14 Code, are repealed.

15 SECTION 3. A person who is required to register under
16 Chapter 305, Government Code, solely as a result of the change in
17 law made by this Act to Section [305.0041](#)(a), Government Code, is not
18 required to register under that chapter before January 1, 2016.

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

H.B. No. 3517

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3517 was passed by the House on May 7, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3517 was passed by the Senate on May 26, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor