

By: Davis of Harris

H.B. No. 3517

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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~~

~~employee of a vendor of a product or service to a member of the executive branch concerning state agency purchasing decisions 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;~~

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

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

SECTION 2. Section [305.022\(c\)](#), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) For purposes of this chapter, a ~~+~~

~~[(1)] A sales commission payable to an employee of a vendor of a product or service is not considered compensation contingent on the outcome of administrative action if the amount of the state agency purchasing decision does not exceed 10 million dollars.~~

~~[(2)] A~~ quarterly or annual compensation performance bonus payable to an employee of a vendor of a product or service is not considered compensation contingent on the outcome of administrative action.

SECTION 3. A person who is required to register under Chapter 305, Government Code, solely as a result of the change in law made by this Act to Section [305.0041\(a\)](#), Government Code, is not

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1 required to register under that chapter before January 1, 2016.

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