AN ACT

RELATING TO GOVERNMENTAL CONDUCT; AMENDING THE GOVERNMENTAL CONDUCT ACT AND THE LOBBYIST REGULATION ACT TO PROHIBIT GIFTS FROM LOBBYISTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of the Governmental Conduct Act is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] BAN ON GIFTS.--

A. No legislator or public officer or employee shall knowingly accept any gift in excess of fifty dollars ($50.00) from any of the following: a lobbyist; a lobbyist's employee; or a lobbyist's employer.

B. For purposes of this section:

(1) "gift" means any money, thing of value or promise thereof whether cash or in kind. The term "gift" does

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1   not include a political campaign contribution or reimbursement,

2   payment or compensation permitted in connection with an

3   honorarium pursuant to the provisions of Section 10-16-4.1 NMSA

4   1978;

5   (2)   "lobbyist" has the same meaning as that

6   term is defined in Subsection E of Section 2-11-2 NMSA 1978; and

7   (3)   "lobbyist's employer" has the same meaning

8   as that term is defined in Subsection F of Section 2-11-2 NMSA

9   1978."

10   Section 2.   A new section of the Lobbyist Regulation Act is

11   enacted to read:

12   "[NEW MATERIAL]   BAN ON GIFTS.--

13   A.   No lobbyist, lobbyist's employee or lobbyist's

14   employer shall give a gift in excess of fifty dollars ($50.00)

15   to a legislator or public officer or employee.

16   B.   For purposes of this section, "gift" means any

17   money, thing of value or promise thereof whether cash or in

18   kind.   The term "gift" does not include a political campaign

19   contribution or any reimbursement, payment or compensation

20   permitted in connection with an honorarium pursuant to the

21   provisions of Section 10-16-4.1 NMSA 1978."

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