

ASSEMBLY, No. 1110

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

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By Assemblyman LANCE

1 AN ACT restricting the receipt of certain things of value by members  
2 of the Legislature and officers and employees of the State and  
3 limiting certain legislative gifts and amending and supplementing  
4 P.L.1971, c.182 and supplementing P.L.1971, c.183.

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6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
7 of New Jersey:

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9 1. Section 13 of P.L.1971, c.182 (C.52:13D-24) is amended to  
10 read as follows:

11 13. a. No State officer or employee, special State officer or  
12 employee, or member of the Legislature shall solicit, receive or agree  
13 to receive, whether directly or indirectly, any compensation, reward,  
14 employment, gift, honorarium, out of State travel or subsistence  
15 expense or other thing of value from any source other than the State  
16 of New Jersey, for any service, advice, assistance, appearance, speech  
17 or other matter related to his official duties, except [reasonable fees  
18 for speeches or published works on matters within his official duties  
19 and except, in connection therewith, reimbursement of actual  
20 expenditures for travel and reasonable subsistence for which no  
21 payment or reimbursement is made by the State of New Jersey] as  
22 authorized in this section.

23 b. A State officer or employee, special State officer or employee,  
24 or member of the Legislature may, in connection with any service,  
25 advice, assistance, appearance, speech or other matter related to his  
26 official duties, solicit, receive or agree to receive, whether directly or  
27 indirectly, from sources other than the State, the following:

28 (1) reasonable fees for published books on matters within his  
29 official duties;

30 (2) reimbursement or payment of actual and reasonable  
31 expenditures for travel or subsistence in New Jersey which is not paid  
32 for by the State of New Jersey;

**EXPLANATION** - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.



1 Interest Law" and supplements the "Legislative Activities Disclosure  
2 Act of 1971." The bill prohibits legislators, State officers or  
3 employees or special State officers or employees from soliciting or  
4 receiving honoraria from sources other than the State for matters  
5 related to their official duties. The bill also limits the receipt of travel  
6 or subsistence expenses related to official duties from sources other  
7 than the State. Legislators, State officers or employees and special  
8 State officers or employees would be allowed to receive reasonable  
9 reimbursement or payment of expenditures for travel or subsistence in  
10 New Jersey from sources other than the State for official appearances.  
11 Reimbursement or payment of expenditures for travel or subsistence  
12 outside New Jersey from sources other than the State for official  
13 appearances would be limited to \$500.00 per trip. Legislators would  
14 have to receive joint approval from the presiding officer and minority  
15 leader of their House before accepting reimbursement or payment of  
16 expenditures for travel or subsistence outside New Jersey.

17 Except for the travel or subsistence expenses authorized, legislators  
18 would be prohibited from accepting from a lobbyist or legislative agent  
19 and lobbyists or legislative agents would be prohibited from giving to  
20 legislators things of value totalling more than \$100.00 in a calendar  
21 year. Where a lobbyist or legislative agent is a member of the  
22 immediate family of a legislator, the restriction would not apply.

23 The bill also requires the Legislature to provide on a biennial basis  
24 a program on legislative ethics for legislators and officers and  
25 employees in the Legislative Branch of State government.

26 The bill would take effect on January 1 next following enactment.

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31 Restricts the receipt of certain things of value by legislators and  
32 officers and employees of the State and limits certain legislative gifts.