

SENATE, No. 2023

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED APRIL 17, 1997

By Senator SINAGRA

1 AN ACT limiting the receipt of travel expenses by members of the  
2 Legislature and officers and employees of the State and restricting  
3 certain gifts thereto, amending and supplementing P.L.1971, c.182,  
4 and supplementing P.L.1971, c.183 (C.52:13C-18 et seq.).  
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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, loan, honorarium, food, beverage, lodging,  
15 entertainment, travel or subsistence expense, or other thing of value  
16 from any source other than the State of New Jersey, for any service,  
17 advice, assistance, appearance, speech, or other matter related to his  
18 official duties [, except reasonable fees for speeches or published  
19 works on matters within his official duties and except in connection  
20 therewith, reimbursement of actual expenditures for travel and  
21 reasonable subsistence for which no payment or reimbursement is  
22 made by the State of New Jersey].

23 b. It shall not be a violation of subsection a. of this section for a  
24 State officer or employee, special State officer or employee, or  
25 member of the Legislature to:

26 (1) solicit or receive reasonable fees from sources other than the  
27 State for published books on matters within the official duties of the  
28 officer, employee or member;

29 (2) solicit or receive payment from the following of actual expenses  
30 for food, beverage, lodging, entertainment, travel or subsistence  
31 provided by the following:

32 (a) a national organization to which the Legislature or a State  
33 agency pays membership dues, in connection with a meeting or  
34 convention sponsored by that organization; or

**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       **(b) a nonprofit organization or a public entity, in connection with**  
2 **a meeting or trip sponsored by that organization or public entity for the**  
3 **purpose of discussing or providing information on public policy issues.**  
4 **As used in this subparagraph, "public entity" means any other state, a**  
5 **political subdivision of this or any other state, the federal government**  
6 **or any foreign government.**

7       **c.** This section shall not apply to the solicitation or acceptance of  
8 contributions to the campaign of an announced candidate for elective  
9 public office **, except that campaign contributions may not be accepted**  
10 **if they are known to be given in lieu of a payment prohibited pursuant**  
11 **to this section.**

12 (cf: P.L.1971, c.182, s. 13)

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14       2. (New section) a. Except as prohibited by subsection a. of  
15 section 13 of P.L.1971, c.182 (C.52:13D-24), or as permitted by  
16 subsection b. thereof, a State officer or employee, special State officer  
17 or employee, or member of the Legislature shall not accept from a  
18 lobbyist or legislative agent any expenditure conferring a benefit, as  
19 those terms are defined in section 3 of P.L.1971, c.183 (C.52:13C-20),  
20 totaling more than \$100 in a calendar year.

21       b. The provisions of this section shall not apply to a certificate,  
22 plaque or similar item which is inscribed with the recipient's name or  
23 where the lobbyist or legislative agent is a member of the immediate  
24 family of the State officer or employee, special State officer or  
25 employee or member of the Legislature and a benefit is conferred  
26 because of that relationship.

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28       3. (New section) a. Except as permitted by subsection b. of  
29 section 13 of P.L.1971, c.182 (C.52:13D-24), a lobbyist or legislative  
30 agent shall not make an expenditure conferring a benefit, as those  
31 terms are defined in section 3 of P.L.1971, c.183 (C.52:13C-20), with  
32 respect to any particular State officer or employee, special State  
33 officer or employee, or member of the Legislature which totals more  
34 than \$100 in a calendar year.

35       b. The provisions of this section shall not apply to a certificate,  
36 plaque or similar item which is inscribed with the recipient's name or  
37 where the lobbyist or legislative agent is a member of the immediate  
38 family of the State officer or employee, special State officer or  
39 employee or member of the Legislature and a benefit is conferred  
40 because of that relationship.

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42       4. This act shall take effect on January 1 next following enactment.

## STATEMENT

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3 This bill would strengthen the provisions of existing law under  
4 which a State officer or employee, special State officer or employee,  
5 or member of the Legislature is prohibited from accepting any thing of  
6 value from any source other than the State in connection with official  
7 duties. It would permit exceptions only in the case of certain travel  
8 expenses provided by: a national organization to which the Legislature  
9 or a State agency pays dues, in connection with a meeting sponsored  
10 by that organization; or a nonprofit organization or a public entity  
11 (defined as any other state, any political subdivision of this or any  
12 other state, the federal government or a foreign government), in  
13 connection with a meeting or trip sponsored by that organization or  
14 government entity for the purpose of discussing or providing  
15 information on public policy issues.

16 The bill would also prohibit a State officer or employee, special  
17 State officer or employee or member of the Legislature from accepting  
18 from a lobbyist or legislative agent any expenditure conferring a  
19 benefit totaling more than \$100 in a calendar year. This limit would  
20 not apply to a certificate, plaque or similar item which is inscribed with  
21 the recipient's name or where a lobbyist or legislative agent is a  
22 member of the immediate family of the officer, employee or member  
23 and the benefit is conferred because of that relationship.

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28 Limits acceptance of travel expenses and gifts by legislators and  
29 officers and employees of the State.