

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the powers and duties of the  
3           Governor; amending s. 14.23, F.S.; regulating  
4           the nomination of appointees to federal  
5           regional fisheries management councils;  
6           providing an effective date.

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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10           Section 1. Subsection (4) is added to section 14.23,  
11 Florida Statutes, to read:

12           14.23 State-Federal relations.--

13           (4)(a) NOMINATIONS TO FEDERAL REGIONAL FISHERIES  
14 MANAGEMENT COUNCILS.--The Governor is prohibited from  
15 nominating for appointment to any one of the federal fisheries  
16 management councils established under 16 U.S.C. s. 1801, et  
17 seq, as amended, the name of any person who is, or who has  
18 been at any time during the 24 months preceding such  
19 nomination, a lobbyist for any entity of any kind whatsoever  
20 whose interests are or could be affected by actions or  
21 decisions of such fisheries management councils.

22           (b) For purposes of this section, the term "lobbyist"  
23 means any natural person who is required to register pursuant  
24 to s. 11.045 or the equivalent federal statute and who, for  
25 compensation, seeks, or sought during the preceding 24 months,  
26 to influence the governmental decisionmaking of a reporting  
27 individual or procurement employee, as those terms are defined  
28 under s. 112.3148, or his or her agency, to encourage the  
29 passage, defeat, or modification of any proposal or  
30 recommendation by such reporting individual or procurement  
31 employee or his or her agency.

1           Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 1999.  
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