

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 or paid employee of any entity of  
20   any kind whatsoever whose interests are or could be affected  
21   by actions or decisions of such fisheries management councils.

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

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