

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to lobbying; amending s. 11.045, F.S.;
 3 permitting expenditures for food and beverages for members
 4 and employees of the Legislature at certain events;
 5 providing that the items must be consumed at the event;
 6 providing a maximum expenditure per recipient for the
 7 permitted items; providing an effective date.

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

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 11 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section
 12 11.045, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13 11.045 Lobbying before the Legislature; registration and
 14 reporting; exemptions; penalties.--

15 (4) (a) Notwithstanding s. 112.3148, s. 112.3149, or any
 16 other provision of law to the contrary, no lobbyist or principal
 17 shall make, directly or indirectly, and no member or employee of
 18 the Legislature shall knowingly accept, directly or indirectly,
 19 any expenditure, except for the following:

20 1. Floral arrangements or other celebratory items given to
 21 legislators and displayed in chambers the opening day of a
 22 regular session; or

23 2. Food or beverage associated with:

24 a. An event, meeting, or function the sole purpose of
 25 which is to provide information on legislative, community, or
 26 governmental issues or which has a specific educational purpose;

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28 b. An organizational, governmental, professional, or
29 public interest function or reception.

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31 Any allowable food or beverage expenditure authorized under this
32 subparagraph must be consumed at the event, meeting, function,
33 or reception and may not exceed a total value of \$19 per
34 recipient.

35 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.