

By Senator Lawson

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the prohibition of the acceptance of
3 expenditures; amending s. 11.045, F.S.; exempting food and
4 beverage expenditures from the gift ban at certain events;
5 requiring that any such food and beverage expenditures be
6 consumed at the event; limiting the total value of such
7 expenditures; 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;--

23 2. Food or beverages at an event, meeting, or function held
24 for the sole purpose of providing information on legislative,
25 community, or governmental issues or having a specific education
26 component; or

27 3. Food or beverages associated with an organizational,
28 governmental, professional, or public interest function or
29 reception.

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31 Any allowable food or beverage expenditure must be consumed at
32 the event, meeting, function, or reception and may not exceed a
33 total value of \$20.

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