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To: Judiciary

SENATE BILL NO. 2991

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 5-8-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REQUIRE A REGISTERED LOBBYIST TO WEAR AN IDENTIFICATION CARD WHILE
3 LOBBYING IN THE STATE CAPITOL; TO AMEND SECTION 5-8-19,
4 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO
5 ISSUE IDENTIFICATION CARDS TO REGISTERED LOBBYISTS; AND FOR
6 RELATED PURPOSES.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

8 SECTION 1. Section 5-8-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:[LTR1]

10 5-8-13. (1) A lobbyist shall not contract to receive or
11 accept compensation dependent upon the success or failure of a
12 legislative or executive action.

13 (2) A lobbyist or lobbyist's client shall not knowingly or
14 willfully make or cause to be made a false statement or
15 misrepresentation of facts to an executive, legislative or public
16 official or public employee, or to the public in general with the
17 intent to affect the outcome of a legislative or executive action.

18 (3) A lobbyist or lobbyist's client shall not cause a
19 legislative or executive action for the purpose of obtaining
20 employment to lobby in support of or in opposition to the
21 legislative or executive action.

22 (4) An executive, legislative or public official or public
23 employee shall not be a lobbyist, except that he may act as a
24 lobbyist when acting in his official capacity.

25 (5) A lobbyist must disclose anything of value given in
26 whole or in part to any executive, legislative or public official
27 or public employee.

28 (6) A lobbyist shall wear the identification card provided

29 under Section 5-8-19 while lobbying in the State Capitol. The
30 lobbyist shall display the identification card in a readily
31 visible manner.

32 SECTION 2. Section 5-8-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
33 amended as follows:[LR2]

34 5-8-19. The Secretary of State shall:

35 (a) Provide forms for registration and for statements
36 required by Sections 5-8-1 through 5-8-19 of this chapter to all
37 persons required to file.

38 (b) Issue a certificate of registration to a lobbyist
39 registered under the provisions of Sections 5-8-1 through 5-8-19
40 of this chapter.

41 (c) Make all statements and reports filed available for
42 public inspection and copying, at a reasonable cost, during
43 regular office hours.

44 (d) Publish an annual report summarizing the financial
45 activities of lobbyists and lobbyists' clients, and such annual
46 report shall not include amounts reported pursuant to Sections
47 5-8-9(8) and 5-8-11(7) for single functions in the calculation of
48 the cumulative total amount of money expended for lobbying
49 purposes.

50 (e) Issue an identification card to each registered
51 lobbyist that shall contain the name of the lobbyist, the word
52 "LOBBYIST" and to the extent practicable, the names of the
53 lobbyist's clients.

54 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from
55 and after July 1, 2000.