

By: Representative Zuber

To: Accountability,
Efficiency, Transparency

HOUSE BILL NO. 131

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 5-8-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROHIBIT A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE FROM ENGAGING IN ANY ACTIVITY
3 OR PERFORMING ANY FUNCTION THAT REQUIRES REGISTRATION AS A
4 LOBBYIST FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR FROM AND AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF
5 HIS OR HER TERM OF OFFICE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 5-8-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 5-8-13. (1) A lobbyist shall not contract to receive or
10 accept compensation dependent upon the success or failure of a
11 legislative or executive action.

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

17 (3) A lobbyist or lobbyist's client shall not cause a
18 legislative or executive action for the purpose of obtaining



19 employment to lobby in support of or in opposition to the
20 legislative or executive action.

21 (4) An executive, legislative or public official or public
22 employee shall not be a lobbyist, except that he may act as a
23 lobbyist when acting in his official capacity. No member of the
24 Legislature shall engage in any activity or perform any function
25 that requires registration as a lobbyist under the provisions of
26 this chapter for a period of one (1) year from and after
27 expiration of his or her term of office.

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

31 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
32 and after July 1, 2024.

