

HOUSE BILL No. 2180

By Committee on Ethics and Elections

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AN ACT concerning state governmental ethics; relating to lobbying and restrictions thereon; amending K.S.A. 46-271 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 46-271 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-271. (a) No lobbyist shall offer, pay, give or make any economic opportunity, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, favor, hospitality, or service having an aggregate value of \$40 or more in any calendar year to any state officer or employee or candidate for state office with a major purpose of influencing such officer or employee in the performance of official duties or prospective official duties. ~~Hospitality in the form of recreation, food and beverages are presumed not to be given to influence a state officer or employee or candidate for state office in the performance of official duties.~~

(b) Except when a particular course of official action is to be followed as a condition thereon, *hospitality is presumed not to be given to influence a state officer or employee or candidate for state office in the performance of official duties. This subsection shall apply only to hospitality in the form of:*

- (1) *Recreation;*
- (2) *food;*
- (3) *beverages; and*
- (4) *publications published on a regular basis by trade associations, professional associations, foundations and tax exempt organizations, when provided by the lobbyist therefor.*

(c) Except when a particular course of official action is to be followed as a condition thereon, this section shall not apply to:

- (1) Any contribution reported in compliance with the campaign finance act as amended, ~~or;~~ *or*
- (2) a commercially reasonable loan or other commercial transaction in the ordinary course of business.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 46-271 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.