

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 218—ASSEMBLYMEN CEGAVSKE, HETTRICK, HUMKE, CHOWNING, DE BRAGA, MORTENSON, CLABORN, GUSTAVSON, ANGLE, GIBBONS, TIFFANY, WILLIAMS, ARBERRY, GIUNCHIGLIANI, BUCKLEY, VON TOBEL, NOLAN, BROWER, LESLIE, ANDERSON, THOMAS, GOLDWATER, COLLINS, BEERS, BERMAN, MCCLAIN, PRICE, PARKS, DINI, CARPENTER, MANENDO AND PARNELL

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JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS RAGGIO, RAWSON, PORTER, TITUS, JAMES, AMODEI, CARE, COFFIN, MATHEWS, O'DONNELL, WASHINGTON AND WIENER

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Referred to Committee on Elections, Procedures, and Ethics

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing lobbyists to include certain employees of state government who engage in lobbying. (BDR 17-71)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~for omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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AN ACT relating to lobbyists; revising provisions governing lobbyists to include certain employees of the government of this state who engage in lobbying; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE  
AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1    **Section 1.** NRS 218.912 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2    218.912 1. “Lobbyist” means, except as limited by subsection 2, a  
3    person who:  
4    (a) Appears in person in the legislative building or any other building in  
5    which the legislature or any of its standing committees hold meetings; and  
6    (b) Communicates directly with a member of the legislative branch on  
7    behalf of someone other than himself to influence legislative action  
8    whether or not any compensation is received for the communication.

- 1     2. “Lobbyist” does not include:
- 2     (a) Persons who confine their activities to formal appearances before
- 3     legislative committees and who clearly identify themselves and the interest
- 4     or interests for whom they are testifying.
- 5     (b) Employees of a bona fide news medium who meet the definition of
- 6     “lobbyist” only in the course of their professional duties and who contact
- 7     members of the legislature for the sole purpose of carrying out their news
- 8     gathering function.
- 9     (c) ~~Employees of departments, divisions or agencies of the state~~
- 10    ~~government who appear before legislative committees only to explain the~~
- 11    ~~effect of legislation related to their departments, divisions or agencies.~~
- 12    ~~—(d)—~~ Employees of the legislature, legislators, legislative agencies or
- 13    legislative commissions.
- 14    ~~(e)~~ (d) Elected officers of this state and its political subdivisions who
- 15    confine their lobbying activities to issues directly related to the scope of
- 16    the office to which they were elected.
- 17    ~~(f)~~ (e) Persons who contact the members of the legislature who are
- 18    elected from the district in which they reside.
- 19    **Sec. 2.** The amendatory provisions of this act do not apply to conduct
- 20    that occurred before October 1, 1999.