

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 518—ASSEMBLYMEN SEGERBLOM, MORTENSON, KOIVISTO, GIBBONS, COLLINS, MCCLAIN, PARNELL, WILLIAMS, LEE, MANENDO, CARPENTER, GOLDWATER, BROWER, BEERS, PERKINS, ARBERRY, GIUNCHIGLIANI, PARKS, OHRENSCHALL, PRICE, CHOWNING, DE BRAGA, ANDERSON, TIFFANY, FREEMAN, NEIGHBORS, THOMAS, HUMKE AND BERMAN

MARCH 12, 1999

Referred to Committee on Elections, Procedures, and Ethics

SUMMARY—Revises provisions regarding reporting of expenditures by lobbyists. (BDR 17-1512)

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 ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to lobbyists; revising the provisions regarding the reporting of expenditures by lobbyists; 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 218.926 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 218.926 1. Each registrant shall file with the director within 30 days
3 after the close of the legislative session a final report signed under penalty
4 of perjury concerning his lobbying activities. In addition, each registrant
5 shall file with the director between the 1st and 10th day of the month after
6 each month that the legislature is in session a report concerning his
7 lobbying activities during the previous month, whether or not any
8 expenditures were made. Each report must be on a form prescribed by the
9 director and must include the total ***of all*** expenditures, if any, made by the
10 registrant on behalf of a legislator or an organization whose primary
11 purpose is to provide support for legislators of a particular political party
12 and house, including expenditures made by others on behalf of the
13 registrant if the expenditures were made with the registrant's express or

1 implied consent or were ratified by the registrant. ~~[The]~~ *Except as*
2 *otherwise provided in subsection 4, the* report must identify each legislator
3 and each organization whose primary purpose is to provide support for
4 legislators of a particular political party and house on whose behalf
5 expenditures were made and must be itemized with respect to each such
6 legislator and organization. An expenditure on behalf of a person other
7 than a legislator or an organization whose primary purpose is to provide
8 support for legislators of a particular political party and house need not be
9 reported pursuant to this section unless the expenditure is made for the
10 benefit of a legislator or such an organization.

11 2. If expenditures made by or on behalf of a registrant during the
12 previous month exceed \$50, the report must include a compilation of
13 expenditures, itemized in the manner required by the regulations of the
14 legislative commission, in the following categories:

15 (a) Entertainment;

16 (b) Expenditures made in connection with a party or similar event
17 hosted by the organization represented by the registrant;

18 (c) Gifts and loans, including money, services and anything of value
19 provided to a legislator, to an organization whose primary purpose is to
20 provide support for legislators of a particular political party and house, or
21 to any other person for the benefit of a legislator or such an organization;
22 and

23 (d) Other expenditures directly associated with legislative action, not
24 including personal expenditures for food, lodging and travel expenses or
25 membership dues.

26 3. The legislative commission may authorize an audit or investigation
27 by the legislative auditor that is proper and necessary to verify compliance
28 with the provisions of this section. A lobbyist shall make available to the
29 legislative auditor all books, accounts, claims, reports, vouchers and other
30 records requested by the legislative auditor in connection with any such
31 audit or investigation. The legislative auditor shall confine his requests for
32 such records to those which specifically relate to the lobbyist's compliance
33 with the reporting requirements of this section.

34 *4. A report filed pursuant to this section must not itemize with respect*
35 *to each legislator an expenditure if the expenditure is the cost of a*
36 *function:*

37 (a) *That was sponsored by:*

38 (1) *An educational institution; or*

39 (2) *An organization that the Secretary of the Treasury has*
40 *determined is an exempt organization pursuant to the provisions of*
41 *section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. 501(c); and*

- 1 ***(b) To which every legislator was invited.***
- 2 ***For the purposes of this subsection, "function" means a party, meal or***
- 3 ***other social event.***
- 4 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

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