

SENATE BILL No. 323

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 2-7-2-6.

Synopsis: Registration of media entities that lobby. Removes the exemption from the lobbyist registration statute for a media entity that engages in lobbying activities. Exempts media subscriptions from the reporting requirements of the statute.

Effective: July 1, 2002.

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January 8, 2002, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Policy.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2001 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning the general assembly.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 2-7-2-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 6. (a) The provisions of this chapter
3 and IC 2-7-3 are not applicable to any full-time or part-time public
4 official acting in ~~his the official's~~ official capacity or any full-time or
5 part-time public employee in Indiana acting within the scope of ~~his the~~
6 **employee's** employment.

7 (b) The provisions of this chapter are ~~not~~ applicable to any
8 newspaper or other periodical of general circulation, book publisher,
9 news wire service, ~~or~~ radio or television station (including any
10 individual who owns, publishes, or is employed by any such
11 newspaper, ~~or~~ periodical, ~~or~~ radio or television station) ~~which in the~~
12 **ordinary course of business publishes news items, editorials, or other**
13 **comments, or paid advertisement, which directly or indirectly urge**
14 **legislative action if such newspaper, periodical, book publisher, radio**
15 **or television station, or individual engages in no further or other**
16 **activities in connection with urging legislative action other than to**
17 **appear before a committee of the legislature in support of or in**



1 ~~opposition to such action: that meets the definition of lobbyist under~~
 2 ~~this article.~~

3 (c) The provisions of this chapter are not applicable to an individual
 4 invited by any member of the general assembly to testify before the
 5 general assembly or a legislative committee at the time the individual
 6 is testifying.

7 (d) The provisions of this chapter are not applicable to any officer
 8 or employee of the state central committee of a political party while
 9 acting within the scope of ~~his~~ **the officer's or employee's** employment.

10 (e) This chapter does not apply to a person whose lobbying services
 11 are performed without compensation.

12 (f) Notwithstanding the definition of "lobbying" as specified in
 13 IC 2-7-1-9, in no instance shall the language of this chapter be
 14 construed to prohibit in any way free and open communication between
 15 any citizen of this state and members of the general assembly.

16 (g) This article does not apply to:

- 17 (1) an insurance policy;
- 18 (2) a credit card agreement;
- 19 (3) a recorded mortgage secured by real property; ~~or~~
- 20 (4) a written agreement with a financial institution (as defined in
 21 IC 28-1-1-3); **or**

22 **(5) a subscription for a newspaper, television, or other general**
 23 **circulation media service;**

24 if the insurance policy, credit card, mortgage, **subscription,** or
 25 agreement was issued or made in the ordinary course of business.

26 (h) This article does not apply to compensation paid to the spouse
 27 of a legislator for goods or services provided by the spouse in the
 28 ordinary course of business to a lobbyist or a lobbyist's employer.

29 (I) The items to which this article does not apply under subsection
 30 (g) or (h) shall not be included in activity reports filed under
 31 IC 2-7-3-3.

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