

**46-271. Lobbying restrictions; gifts or contributions; hospitality; exceptions.** 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, except when a particular course of official action is to be followed as a condition thereon.

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 (2) a commercially reasonable loan or other commercial transaction in the ordinary course of business.

**History:** L. 1974, ch. 353, § 57; L. 1974, ch. 354, § 2; L. 1991, ch. 150, § 51; July 1.