

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)

SENATE BILL 882

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to Rules of the Ethics Commission;
amending Rules 5.6, 5.7, and 5.8 of the Rules of the
Ethics Commission (74 O.S. Supp. 2015, Ch. 62, App.
I), which relate to limits on meals and gifts;
modifying amount which lobbyist principal,
legislative liaison or legislative lobbyist may pay
for meals or gifts for certain persons; and providing
an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Rule 5.6 of the Rules of the
Ethics Commission (74 O.S. Supp. 2015, Ch. 62, App. I), is amended
to read as follows:

Rule 5.6. Except as provided in these Rules, a legislative
liaison, a legislative lobbyist or a lobbyist principal by whom the
legislative liaison or legislative lobbyist is employed or retained
shall provide no gift to the Governor, a legislator or any employee
of the Governor or the Legislature. The Governor, a legislator or
any employee of the Governor or the Legislature shall not knowingly
accept anything of value from a legislative liaison, a legislative
lobbyist or a lobbyist principal by whom the legislative liaison or

1 legislative lobbyist is employed or retained except as permitted by
2 these Rules. Except as provided in these Rules, an executive
3 lobbyist or a lobbyist principal by whom the executive lobbyist is
4 employed or retained shall provide nothing of value to any officer
5 or employee of an agency that is the subject of the executive
6 lobbyist's lobbying activities. No officer or employee of an agency
7 that is subject to an executive lobbyist's lobbying activities shall
8 knowingly accept anything of value from an executive lobbyist or a
9 lobbyist principal by whom an executive lobbyist is employed except
10 as permitted by these Rules. In no event shall a legislative
11 liaison, a legislative lobbyist, an executive lobbyist or a lobbyist
12 principal indirectly provide anything of value to any state officer
13 or employee by providing a thing of value to a family member of the
14 state officer or employee, other than as permitted by these Rules.
15 In no event shall the costs of a thing of value provided by a
16 legislative liaison or legislative lobbyist to the Governor, a
17 legislator or any employee of the Governor or the Legislature
18 permitted by these Rules be divided or shared with other legislative
19 liaisons or legislative lobbyists in filing a report required by
20 these Rules unless otherwise provided by these Rules. Agencies may
21 provide two (2) tickets or admissions to any conference, seminar,
22 lecture or similar event held within the boundaries of the State of
23 Oklahoma and sponsored in whole or in part by the agency to the
24 Governor, any legislator or any employee of the Governor or the

1 Legislature, provided the tickets or admissions are used by the
2 recipient and a family member of the recipient. Notwithstanding any
3 other provision of these Rules, a lobbyist principal shall not
4 provide anything of value to the Governor, a legislator or any
5 employee of the Governor or the Legislature, the value of which
6 exceeds One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) in a calendar year, regardless
7 of the number of lobbyists representing the lobbyist principal.

8 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Rule 5.7 of the Rules of the
9 Ethics Commission (74 O.S. Supp. 2015, Ch. 62, App. I), is amended
10 to read as follows:

11 Rule 5.7. A legislative liaison, or a legislative lobbyist
12 representing only one lobbyist principal, shall pay no more than
13 ~~Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)~~ One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per
14 calendar year for meals for the Governor, for any individual
15 legislator or for any individual employee of the Governor or the
16 Legislature, regardless of the source of funds used for payment. A
17 legislative lobbyist representing more than one lobbyist principal
18 shall pay no more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per calendar
19 year for meals for the Governor, for any individual legislator or
20 for any individual employee of the Governor or the Legislature,
21 regardless of the source of funds used for payment. Notwithstanding
22 any other provision of these Rules, a lobbyist principal shall not
23 provide anything of value to the Governor, an individual legislator
24 or any individual employee of the Governor or the Legislature, the

1 value of which exceeds One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) in a calendar
2 year, regardless of the number of lobbyists representing the
3 lobbyist principal.

4 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY Rule 5.8 of the Rules of the
5 Ethics Commission (74 O.S. Supp. 2015, Ch. 62, App. I), is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 Rule 5.8. A legislative liaison or a legislative lobbyist may
8 make a gift to the Governor or any legislator or any employee of the
9 Governor or the Legislature in recognition of infrequently occurring
10 occasions of personal significance. Such gifts may be made to a
11 family member of the Governor or any legislator or any employee of
12 the Governor or the Legislature, provided such family member is a
13 party to a marriage, serious illness, birth or adoption of a child
14 or retirement. Such gifts to any individual recipient may not
15 exceed ~~Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)~~ One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)
16 in the aggregate in any calendar year from any legislative liaison
17 or legislative lobbyist. Any such gifts shall be aggregated with
18 meals, and the aggregate total of meals and other gifts provided to
19 an individual recipient by a:

20 1. A legislative liaison, or a legislative lobbyist
21 representing only one lobbyist principal, may not exceed Five
22 Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00); or

23 2. A legislative lobbyist representing more than one lobbyist
24 principal may not exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective January 1, 2017.

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