

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2590

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

20 Rule 5.6 Except as provided in these Rules, a legislative
21 liaison, a legislative lobbyist or a lobbyist principal by whom the
22 legislative liaison or legislative lobbyist is employed or retained
23 shall provide no gift to the Governor, a legislator or any employee
24 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

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

1 Governor, any individual legislator or any individual employee of
2 the Governor or the Legislature, provided the tickets or admissions
3 are used by the recipient and a family member of the recipient.
4 Notwithstanding any other provision of these Rules, a lobbyist
5 principal shall not provide anything of value to the Governor, a
6 legislator or any employee of the Governor or the Legislature, the
7 value of which exceeds Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) in a calendar year,
8 regardless of the number of lobbyists representing the lobbyist
9 principal.

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

13 Rule 5.7 A legislative liaison, or a legislative lobbyist
14 representing only one lobbyist principal, shall pay no more than
15 ~~Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)~~ Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per calendar
16 year for meals for the Governor, for any individual legislator or
17 for any individual employee of the Governor or the Legislature,
18 regardless of the source of funds used for payment. A legislative
19 lobbyist representing more than one lobbyist principal shall pay no
20 more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per calendar year for meals
21 for the Governor, for any individual legislator or for any
22 individual employee of the Governor or the Legislature, regardless
23 of the source of funds used for payment. Notwithstanding any other
24 provision of these Rules, a lobbyist principal shall not provide

1 anything of value to the Governor, an individual legislator or any
2 individual employee of the Governor or the Legislature, the value of
3 which exceeds Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) in a calendar year, regardless
4 of the number of lobbyists representing the lobbyist principal. Any
5 meal purchased in accordance with this section shall be reported to
6 the Oklahoma Ethics Commission. The report shall contain the
7 following information:

8 1. The name of the person purchasing the meal;

9 2. The name of the person receiving the meal;

10 3. The amount of the meal;

11 4. The location of the meal;

12 5. The name of the entity from where the meal was purchased;

13 and

14 6. The date the meal was served.

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

18 Rule 5.8 A legislative liaison or a legislative lobbyist may
19 make a gift to the Governor or any legislator or any employee of the
20 Governor or the Legislature in recognition of infrequently occurring
21 occasions of personal significance. Such gifts may be made to a
22 family member of the Governor or any legislator or any employee of
23 the Governor or the Legislature, provided such family member is a
24 party to a marriage, serious illness, birth or adoption of a child

1 or retirement. Such gifts to any individual recipient may not
2 exceed ~~Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)~~ Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) in the
3 aggregate in any calendar year from any legislative liaison or
4 legislative lobbyist. Any such gifts shall be aggregated with
5 meals, and the aggregate total of meals and other gifts provided to
6 an individual recipient by a:

7 1. A legislative liaison, or a legislative lobbyist
8 representing only one lobbyist principal, may not exceed Five
9 Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) Fifty Dollars (\$50.00); or

10 2. A legislative lobbyist representing more than one lobbyist
11 principal may not exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

12 Any gift made in accordance with this section shall be reported
13 to the Oklahoma Ethics Commission. The report shall contain the
14 following information:

- 15 1. The name of the person making the gift;
16 2. The name of the person receiving the gift;
17 3. A description of the gift and its value; and
18 4. The date the gift was presented.

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

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