**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 8‑13‑710, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE REPORTING OF CERTAIN GIFTS ON THE STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE MANDATORY REPORTING THRESHOLDS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 8‑13‑1120, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CONTENTS OF THE STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE MANDATORY REPORTING THRESHOLDS OF CERTAIN GIFTS TO PUBLIC OFFICIALS OR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 8‑13‑710(B) of the 1976 Code, as added by Act 248 of 1991, is amended to read:

“(B) A public official, public member, or public employee required to file a statement of economic interests under Section 8‑13‑1110 who receives, accepts, or takes, directly or indirectly, from a person, anything of value worth ~~twenty‑five~~ one hundred dollars or more in a day and anything of value worth ~~two~~ three hundred dollars or more in the aggregate in a calendar year must report on his statement of economic interests pursuant to Section 8‑13‑1120 the thing of value from:

(1) a person, if there is reason to believe the donor would not give the thing of value but for the public official’s public member’s, or public employee’s office or position; or

(2) a person, or from an officer or director of a person, if the public official, public member, or public employee has reason to believe the person:

(a) has or is seeking to obtain contractual or other business or financial relationships with the public official’s, public member’s, or public employee’s governmental entity;

(b) conducts operations or activities ~~which~~ that are regulated by the public official’s, public member’s, or public employee’s governmental entity.”

SECTION 2. Section 8‑13‑1120(A)(9) of the 1976 Code, as added by Act 248 of 1991, is amended to read:

“(9) the source and a brief description of any gifts, including transportation, lodging, food, or entertainment received during the preceding calendar year from:

(a) a person, if there is reason to believe the donor would not give the gift, gratuity, or favor but for the official’s or employee’s office or position; or

(b) a person, or from an officer or director of a person, if the public official or public employee has reason to believe the person:

(i) has or is seeking to obtain contractual or other business or financial relationship with the official’s or employee’s agency; or

(ii) conducts operations or activities ~~which~~ that are regulated by the official’s or employee’s agency if the value of the gift is ~~twenty‑five~~ one hundred dollars or more in a day or if the value totals, in the aggregate, ~~two~~ three hundred dollars or more in a calendar year.”

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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