

By: Davis of Harris

H.B. No. 3517

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requirements governing registration and authorized activities of certain lobbyists; expanding the applicability of an occupational registration.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 305.0041(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person is not required to register under this chapter in accordance with Section 305.003(a)(2) solely because the person receives or is entitled to receive compensation or reimbursement to:

(1) communicate as an employee of a vendor of a product or service to a member of the executive branch concerning state agency purchasing decisions that do not exceed 10 million dollars involving a product, service, or service provider or negotiations regarding such decisions;

(2) communicate as an employee of a vendor of a product or service to a member of the executive branch concerning state agency purchasing decisions that exceed 10 million dollars involving a product, service, or service provider or negotiations regarding such decisions if the compensation for the communication is not totally or partially contingent on the outcome of any administrative action;

(3) ~~communicate in a capacity other than as an~~

1 ~~employee of a vendor of a product or service to a member of the~~
2 ~~executive branch concerning state agency purchasing decisions~~
3 ~~involving a product, service, or service provider or negotiations~~
4 ~~regarding such decisions if the compensation for the communication~~
5 ~~is not totally or partially contingent on the outcome of any~~
6 ~~administrative action;~~

7 ~~[(4)]~~ communicate as a member of an advisory committee
8 or task force if the person is appointed to serve in that capacity
9 by a member of the legislative or executive branch; or

10 (4) ~~[(5)]~~ communicate as a member of a board, task
11 force, or advisory committee on which a member of the legislative or
12 executive branch also serves.

13 SECTION 2. Sections [305.022](#)(c-1) and (c-3), Government
14 Code, are repealed.

15 SECTION 3. A person who is required to register under
16 Chapter 305, Government Code, solely as a result of the change in
17 law made by this Act to Section [305.0041](#)(a), Government Code, is not
18 required to register under that chapter before January 1, 2016.

19 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.