

HOUSE BILL NO. 557

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE

Introduced: 4/21/04
Referred: State Affairs

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act regarding lobbyist prohibitions."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 * **Section 1.** AS 24.45.121(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) A lobbyist may not

5 (1) engage in any activity as a lobbyist before registering under
6 AS 24.45.041;

7 (2) do anything with the intent of placing a public official under
8 personal obligation to the lobbyist or to the lobbyist's employer;

9 (3) intentionally deceive or attempt to deceive any public official with
10 regard to any material fact pertinent to pending or proposed legislative or
11 administrative action;

12 (4) cause or influence the introduction of a legislative measure solely
13 for the purpose of thereafter being employed to secure its passage or its defeat;

14 (5) cause a communication to be sent to a public official in the name of
15 any fictitious person or in the name of any real person, except with the consent of that

1 person;

2 (6) accept or agree to accept any payment in any way contingent upon
3 the defeat, enactment, or outcome of any proposed legislative or administrative action;

4 (7) serve as a member of a state board, or commission, if the lobbyist's
5 employer may receive direct economic benefit from a decision of that board or
6 commission;

7 (8) serve as a campaign manager or director, serve as a campaign
8 treasurer or deputy campaign treasurer on a finance or fund-raising committee, host a
9 fund-raising event, directly or indirectly collect contributions for, or deliver
10 contributions to, a candidate, or otherwise engage in the fund-raising activity of a
11 legislative campaign or campaign for governor or lieutenant governor if the lobbyist
12 has registered, or is required to register as a lobbyist, under this chapter, during the
13 calendar year; this paragraph does not apply to a representational lobbyist as defined
14 in the regulations of the Alaska Public Offices Commission, and does not prohibit a
15 lobbyist from making personal contributions to a candidate as authorized by AS 15.13
16 or personally advocating on behalf of a candidate;

17 (9) offer, solicit, initiate, facilitate, or provide to or on behalf of a
18 person covered by AS 24.60, during a legislative session, a gift, other than food or
19 beverage for immediate consumption, except for tickets to a charity event described in
20 AS 24.60.080(c)(10);

21 (10) make or offer a gift or a campaign contribution whose acceptance
22 by the person to whom it is offered would violate AS 24.60;

23 **(11) bully by suggestion or threaten to harm with the intent of**
24 **influencing a legislator, legislative employee, or member of the public in taking a**
25 **position on an issue, voting, testifying, or lobbying; in this paragraph, "harm"**
26 **means**

27 **(A) inflicting physical injury on anyone;**

28 **(B) accusing anyone of a crime;**

29 **(C) exposing confidential information or a secret, whether**
30 **true or false, tending to subject the legislator, legislative employee, or**
31 **other person to hatred, contempt, or ridicule or to impair that person's**

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credit or business repute;

(D) causing a public servant to take or withhold action; in this subparagraph, "public servant" has the meaning given in AS 11.81.900(b);

(E) testifying or providing information or withholding testimony or information with respect to the legislator's, legislative employee's, or another person's legal claim or defense; or

(F) inflicting any other action that would not benefit the person to whom the threat or suggestion is made.