

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 89(JUD)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/24/03

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATOR SEEKINS

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act amending the definitions in the Regulation of Lobbying Act and the definition
2 of 'lobbyist' as it applies in the act setting standards of conduct for legislators and
3 legislative employees."

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

5 * **Section 1.** AS 24.45.171(6) is amended to read:

6 (6) "influencing legislative or administrative action" means **to**
7 **communicate directly for the purpose of introducing,** promoting, advocating,
8 supporting, modifying, opposing, or delaying or seeking to do the same with respect to
9 any legislative or administrative action [BY MEANS INCLUDING BUT NOT
10 LIMITED TO THE PROVISION OR USE OF INFORMATION, STATISTICS,
11 STUDIES, OR ANALYSES IN WRITTEN OR ORAL FORM OR FORMAT];

12 * **Sec. 2.** AS 24.45.171(8) is amended to read:

13 (8) "lobbyist" means **a person who**
14 (A) **engages** [A PERSON WHO IS EMPLOYED AND

1 RECEIVES PAYMENTS, OR WHO CONTRACTS FOR ECONOMIC
 2 CONSIDERATION, INCLUDING REIMBURSEMENT FOR
 3 REASONABLE TRAVEL AND LIVING EXPENSES, TO COMMUNICATE
 4 DIRECTLY OR THROUGH THE PERSON'S AGENTS WITH ANY
 5 PUBLIC OFFICIAL FOR THE PURPOSE OF INFLUENCING
 6 LEGISLATIVE OR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION IF A SUBSTANTIAL OR
 7 REGULAR PORTION OF THE ACTIVITIES FOR WHICH THE PERSON
 8 RECEIVES CONSIDERATION IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF
 9 INFLUENCING LEGISLATIVE OR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION; OR

10 (B) A PERSON WHO REPRESENTS ONESELF AS
 11 ENGAGING] in the [INFLUENCING OF LEGISLATIVE OR
 12 ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION AS A] business, occupation, or profession **of**
 13 **influencing legislative or administrative action; or**

14 **(B) receives wages or other economic consideration,**
 15 **including reimbursement of travel and living expenses, to communicate**
 16 **directly with any public official**

17 **(i) for the express purpose of influencing legislative**
 18 **or administrative action; and**

19 **(ii) during more than 40 hours in any 30 day period**
 20 **in one calendar year;**

21 * **Sec. 3.** AS 24.45.171 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

22 (13) "communicate directly" means to speak with a legislator,
 23 legislative employee, or public official

24 (A) by telephone;

25 (B) by two-way electronic communication; or

26 (C) in person.

27 * **Sec. 4.** AS 24.60.990(11) is amended to read:

28 (11) "lobbyist" means a person who is required to register under
 29 AS 24.45.041 and is described under **AS 24.45.171** [AS 24.45.171(8)(A)], but does
 30 not include a volunteer lobbyist described in AS 24.45.161(a)(1) or a representational
 31 lobbyist as defined under regulations of the Alaska Public Offices Commission;