

**Lobbyist Code of Ethics adopted by the House of Representatives in the 2000 Regular Session**

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**General Principles of Conduct.**

**A lobbyist shall abide by the rules of the House and Senate, as well as instructions directed at lobbyists by the House and Senate.**

**A lobbyist shall be courteous and respectful to legislators and legislative staff.**

**A lobbyist shall adhere to the highest standards of honesty.**

**A lobbyist shall not attempt to influence any legislator or legislative employee by means of deceit or by threat of violence or economic or political reprisal against any person or property.**

**A lobbyist shall not knowingly provide false or misleading information to, or knowingly withhold critical information from, any legislator or legislative employee as to any material fact pertaining to legislation.**

**A lobbyist shall not knowingly omit, conceal, or falsify any information required through lobbyist registration and disclosure.**

**A lobbyist shall not cause or influence the introduction of any bill, substitute or amendment for the purpose of becoming employed to secure its passage or defeat.**

**A lobbyist shall not remove or attempt to remove any document from a legislator's or legislative employee's office, desk, file cabinet, reproduction machine, facsimile machine, computer, or any other place without explicit permission.**

**A lobbyist shall not engage in sexually harassing behavior or behavior that violates the Legislature's sexual harassment policy.**

**A lobbyist shall not offer employment to any legislator or legislative employee that impairs the legislator's or legislative employee's independence of judgment as to their official duties.**

**A lobbyist shall not induce or seek to induce any legislator or legislative employee into committing a violation of any statute or the rules of the House or Senate.**

**A lobbyist shall not accept or be compensated for services based on the passage or defeat or the approval or disapproval of legislation.**