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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections Policy
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- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to state government; prohibiting members and employees of the Minnesota
- 1.3 Sports Facilities Authority and the Minnesota Ballpark Authority from giving gifts
- 1.4 to certain officials; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 10A.071,
- 1.5 subdivisions 2, 3.
- 1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 10A.071, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- 1.8 Subd. 2. **Prohibition.** (a) A lobbyist or principal may not give a gift or request another
- 1.9 to give a gift to an official. A member or employee of the Minnesota Sports Facilities
- 1.10 Authority established in section 473J.07 or the Minnesota Ballpark Authority established
- 1.11 in section 473.755 may not give a gift or request another to give a gift to an official.
- 1.12 (b) An official may not accept a gift ~~from a lobbyist or principal~~ that is prohibited by
- 1.13 this subdivision.
- 1.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.
- 1.15 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 10A.071, subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- 1.16 Subd. 3. **Exceptions.** (a) The prohibitions in this section do not apply if the gift is:
- 1.17 (1) a contribution as defined in section 10A.01, subdivision 11;
- 1.18 (2) services to assist an official in the performance of official duties, including but not
- 1.19 limited to providing advice, consultation, information, and communication in connection
- 1.20 with legislation, and services to constituents;
- 1.21 (3) services of insignificant monetary value;

- 2.1 (4) a plaque with a resale value of \$5 or less;
- 2.2 (5) a trinket or memento costing \$5 or less;
- 2.3 (6) informational material with a resale value of \$5 or less; or
- 2.4 (7) food or a beverage given at a reception, meal, or meeting if:
- 2.5 (i) the reception, meal, or meeting is held away from the recipient's place of work by an
- 2.6 organization before whom the recipient appears to make a speech or answer questions as
- 2.7 part of a program; or
- 2.8 (ii) the recipient is a member or employee of the legislature and an invitation to attend
- 2.9 the reception, meal, or meeting was provided to all members of the legislature at least five
- 2.10 days prior to the date of the event.
- 2.11 (b) The prohibitions in this section do not apply if the gift is given:
- 2.12 (1) because of the recipient's membership in a group, a majority of whose members are
- 2.13 not officials, and an equivalent gift is given to the other members of the group; or
- 2.14 (2) by ~~a lobbyist or principal who~~ is a member of the family of the recipient, unless the
- 2.15 gift is given on behalf of someone who is not a member of that family.
- 2.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.