

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1986

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Elections
- 02/27/2014 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register
Read Second Time
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Read Third Time
Passed by the House and transmitted to the Senate

1.1 A bill for an act
 1.2 relating to the legislature; eliminating a food and beverage exception to the gift
 1.3 ban law for legislators and legislative employees; amending Minnesota Statutes
 1.4 2013 Supplement, section 10A.071, subdivision 3.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2013 Supplement, section 10A.071, subdivision 3,
 1.7 is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 3. **Exceptions.** (a) The prohibitions in this section do not apply if the gift is:

1.9 (1) a contribution as defined in section 10A.01, subdivision 11;

1.10 (2) services to assist an official in the performance of official duties, including
 1.11 but not limited to providing advice, consultation, information, and communication in
 1.12 connection with legislation, and services to constituents;

1.13 (3) services of insignificant monetary value;

1.14 (4) a plaque with a resale value of \$5 or less;

1.15 (5) a trinket or memento costing \$5 or less;

1.16 (6) informational material with a resale value of \$5 or less; or

1.17 (7) food or a beverage given at a reception, meal, or meeting if:

1.18 ~~(i) the reception, meal, or meeting is held away from the recipient's place of work by~~
 1.19 ~~an organization before whom the recipient appears to make a speech or answer questions~~
 1.20 ~~as part of a program; or~~

1.21 ~~(ii) the recipient is a member or employee of the legislature and an invitation to~~
 1.22 ~~attend the reception, meal, or meeting was provided to all members of the legislature at~~
 1.23 ~~least five days prior to the date of the event.~~

1.24 (b) The prohibitions in this section do not apply if the gift is given:

2.1 (1) because of the recipient's membership in a group, a majority of whose members
2.2 are not officials, and an equivalent gift is given to the other members of the group; or

2.3 (2) by a lobbyist or principal who is a member of the family of the recipient, unless
2.4 the gift is given on behalf of someone who is not a member of that family.

2.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.