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Introduction and first reading
Referred to State Government Finance and Policy and Elections

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to ethics in government; modifying prohibitions on certain gifts; amending
- 1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 10A.071, subdivision 3.
- 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 10A.071, subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- 1.6 Subd. 3. **Exceptions.** (a) The prohibitions in this section do not apply if the gift is:
- 1.7 (1) a contribution as defined in section 10A.01, subdivision 11;
- 1.8 (2) services to assist an official in the performance of official duties, including but not
- 1.9 limited to providing advice, consultation, information, and communication in connection
- 1.10 with legislation, and services to constituents;
- 1.11 (3) services of insignificant monetary value;
- 1.12 (4) a plaque with a resale value of ~~\$5~~ \$15 or less;
- 1.13 (5) a trinket or memento costing ~~\$5~~ \$15 or less;
- 1.14 (6) informational material with a resale value of ~~\$5~~ \$15 or less; ~~or~~
- 1.15 (7) food or a beverage if the food or beverage is not offered as part of a meal and has a
- 1.16 total value of \$10 or less;
- 1.17 (8) a meal with a value of \$15 or less; or
- 1.18 ~~(7)~~ (9) food or a beverage given at a reception, meal, or meeting if:

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

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

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

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

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

2.12 (c) The aggregate value of all gifts given by a lobbyist or principal to an official under
2.13 paragraph (a), clauses (4) to (8), shall not exceed \$50 per calendar year.