

2020

CHAPTER 27

An Act to amend *The Lobbyists Act*

(Assented to July 3, 2020)

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

Short title

1 This Act may be cited as *The Lobbyists Amendment Act, 2020*.

SS 2014, c L-27.01 amended

2 *The Lobbyists Act* is amended in the manner set forth in this Act.

Section 2 amended

3 Paragraph 2(1)(h)(ii)(A) is amended by striking out “100 hours” and substituting “30 hours”.

Section 4 amended

4 Clause 4(1)(i) is repealed and the following substituted:

“(i) officers, directors or employees of a non-profit organization, association, society, coalition or interest group, any of which has both a charitable purpose and fewer than 5 employees, if the lobbying activity performed by the officers, directors and employees combined is less than 30 hours annually, as calculated in the prescribed manner”.

New section 12.1

5 The following section is added after section 12:

“Gifts

12.1(1) Subject to subsection (2), in the course of lobbying activities, no consultant lobbyist or in-house lobbyist shall give or promise any gift or personal benefit to the public office holder being lobbied or intended to be lobbied that the public office holder is not allowed to accept or that, if given, would place the public office holder in a conflict of interest.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a gift or personal benefit valued at less than \$200 and that is given as an incident of the protocol or social obligations that normally accompany the duties or responsibilities of office of the public office holder.

(3) For the purposes of this section and subsection 25(1.1), ‘gift or personal benefit’ includes:

- (a) an amount of money, if there is no obligation to repay it;
- (b) a service, hospitality or property, including the use of property, that is provided without charge or for a charge that is less than its commercial value; and
- (c) any other prescribed gift or personal benefit”.

Section 20 amended

6 Subsection 20(1) is amended by adding “or subsection 25(1.1)” after “clause 25(1)(a), (b), (c) or (d)”.

Section 25 amended

7 The following subsection is added after subsection 25(1):

“(1.1) No person who is a consultant lobbyist or an in-house lobbyist shall, in the course of lobbying activities, unlawfully give or promise any gift or personal benefit to the public office holder being lobbied or intended to be lobbied”.

Section 28 amended

8 Section 28 is amended:

(a) in clause (c) by adding “and clause 4(1)(i)” after “paragraph 2(1)(h)(ii)(A)”;
and

(b) by adding the following clause after clause (k):

“(k.1) for the purposes of clause 12.1(3)(c), prescribing other gifts or personal benefits”.

Coming into force

9 This Act comes into force by order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.