

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By _____

1 AMEND House Bill No. 1979, Page 2, Section 105.481, Line 19, by inserting immediately after
2 said line the following:

3 "105.493. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Fair Influence in
4 Government Act".

5 2. No executive or quasi-executive department or state agency shall use any public
6 resources to pay the costs of employing or contracting for the services of any person who lobbies on
7 behalf of the executive or quasi-executive department or state agency in an attempt to influence the
8 passage or defeat of any legislative measure including, but not limited to, measures related to
9 firearms and gun control.

10 3. No executive or quasi-executive department or state agency shall use any public
11 resources to pay any membership dues on behalf of the department or agency or any officer or
12 employee of the department or agency to any organization or association if such dues directly or
13 indirectly pay all or part of the salary of any person required to register as a lobbyist under this
14 chapter in an attempt to influence the passage or defeat of any matter pending before a legislative
15 committee in either chamber of the general assembly or before the general assembly including, but
16 not limited to, matters related to firearms and gun control.

17 4. Any person who accepts public funds as compensation for lobbying in violation of this
18 section may be prohibited from registering as a legislative lobbyist for a period not to exceed two
19 years.

20 5. This section shall not be construed to prohibit, limit, preclude, or deprive any officer or
21 employee of a department or agency from exercising the department's or agency's individual right to
22 communicate with members of the general assembly through proper official channels at the request
23 of a member, or to request legislative action or appropriations that are deemed necessary for the
24 efficient conduct of public business or actually made in the proper performance of his or her official
25 duties, including testifying before the general assembly or any committee thereof for informational
26 purposes.

27 6. Any violation of this section by any executive or quasi-executive department or state
28 agency that receives state funds shall result in a fine of not less than one thousand dollars but not
29 more than five thousand dollars. The director or similar chief executive of such state agency shall
30 be personally liable for such fine."; and

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32 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
33 accordingly.

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