

HB 2117 -- LOBBYISTS

SPONSOR: Mayhew

This bill clarifies that legislative liaisons who communicate between agencies, departments, or political subdivisions of the state and members of the General Assembly need not register as lobbyists and do not act as paid lobbyists when sponsoring events by agencies, departments, political subdivisions, or educational institutions. It also defines a "lobbyist principal" as an entity that can hire or fire or pay a lobbyist and that has authority to direct the lobbyist's lobbying activities on behalf of the lobbyist principal.

The bill requires any person or entity registered as a lobbyist to provide a receipt when providing a gift or other item of value to a member or employee of the General Assembly. Such receipts shall state the value of the gift.

This bill is the same as HB 1199 (2019).