

# HOUSE BILL NO. 6249

December 05, 2024, Introduced by Reps. Whitsett and Edwards and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 472, entitled

"An act to regulate political activity; to regulate lobbyists, lobbyist agents, and lobbying activities; to require registration of lobbyists and lobbyist agents; to require the filing of reports; to prescribe the powers and duties of the department of state; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts,"

by amending section 4 (MCL 4.414), as amended by 2008 PA 289.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

- 1           Sec. 4. (1) "Gift" means a payment, advance, forbearance, or
- 2 the rendering or deposit of money, services, or anything of value,
- 3 the value of which exceeds \$25.00, as adjusted under section 19a,

1 in any 1-month period, unless consideration of equal or greater  
2 value is received ~~therefor.~~ **for the payment, advance, forbearance,**  
3 **or rendering or deposit of money, services, or thing of value.** Gift  
4 includes a payment, advance, forbearance, or the rendering or  
5 deposit of money, services, or anything of value to aid the defense  
6 of an official in the legislative branch or an official in the  
7 executive branch against a legal action not directly related to the  
8 governmental duties of the official. Gift does not include the  
9 following:

10 (a) A campaign contribution otherwise reported as required by  
11 the Michigan campaign finance act, 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.201 to  
12 169.282.

13 (b) A loan made in the normal course of business by an  
14 institution as **that term is** defined in ~~chapter 1~~ **section 1202** of  
15 the banking code of 1999, 1999 PA 276, MCL ~~487.11101 to 487.11203,~~  
16 **487.11202**, a national bank, a branch bank, an insurance company  
17 issuing a loan or receiving a mortgage in the normal course of  
18 business, a premium finance company, a mortgage company, a small  
19 loan company, a state or federal credit union, a savings and loan  
20 association chartered by this state or the federal government, or a  
21 licensee as **that term is** defined ~~by~~ **in section 2 of** the motor  
22 vehicle sales finance act, 1950 (Ex Sess) PA 27, MCL ~~492.101 to~~  
23 ~~492.141.~~ **492.102.**

24 (c) A gift received from a member of the ~~person's~~ **individual's**  
25 immediate family, a relative of a spouse, a relative within the  
26 seventh degree of consanguinity as computed by the civil law  
27 method, or from the spouse of the relative.

28 (d) A breakfast, luncheon, dinner, or other refreshment  
29 consisting of food and beverage provided for immediate consumption.

1 (e) A contribution to a legal defense fund that is registered  
2 with the secretary of state under the legal defense fund act, **2008**  
3 **PA 288, MCL 15.521 to 15.539**, and ~~whose~~**the purpose of which** is to  
4 defend an elected official against any criminal, civil, or  
5 administrative action, that arises directly out of the conduct of  
6 the elected official's governmental duties.

7 (f) **A ticket or an offer of free or reduced-price attendance**  
8 **to a charity event where the primary purpose is to raise money for**  
9 **a nonprofit organization that is tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3)**  
10 **of the internal revenue code of 1986, 26 USC 501, provided that the**  
11 **organizing event sponsor makes the offer described under this**  
12 **subdivision or the taxable value of the full-priced ticket does not**  
13 **exceed the monetary amount provided under section 19a.**

14 (2) "Immediate family" means a child residing in an  
15 individual's household, a spouse of an individual, or an individual  
16 claimed by that individual or that individual's spouse as a  
17 dependent for federal income tax purposes.

18 (3) "Loan" means a transfer of money, property, or anything of  
19 ascertainable value in exchange for an obligation, conditional or  
20 not, to repay in whole or in part.