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# H. R. 2864

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GLICKMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Information on Finan-  
5 cial Benefits Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL BENEFITS BY LOBBY-**  
7 **ISTS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to information re-  
9 quired by law to be disclosed by registered lobbyists (here-  
10 in known as “registrants”), each registrant shall include

1 in its semiannual reports under subsection (a) or in a sep-  
2 arate report on financial benefits, subject to the same fil-  
3 ing requirements, as set out in lobbying disclosure law,  
4 a list of each individual financial benefit provided directly  
5 or indirectly by a registrant (including a financial benefit  
6 provided by a lobbyist employed by or a lobbyist who is  
7 a member of a registrant) to a covered legislative branch  
8 official, to an entity that is established, maintained, con-  
9 trolled, or financed by a covered legislative branch official,  
10 or to any other person or entity on behalf of or in the  
11 name of a covered legislative branch official, disclosing—

12 (1) with respect to each financial benefit other  
13 than one described in subparagraph (B), (C), or  
14 (D)—

15 (A) the name and position of the covered  
16 legislative branch official or other person or en-  
17 tity to whom or which the financial benefit was  
18 provided;

19 (B) the nature of the financial benefit;

20 (C) the date on which the financial benefit  
21 was provided; and

22 (D) the value of the financial benefit;

23 (2) with respect to each financial benefit that is  
24 in the form of a conference, retreat, or similar event  
25 for or on behalf of covered legislative branch official

1 that is sponsored by or affiliated with an official  
2 congressional organization—

3 (A) the nature of the conference, retreat,  
4 or other event;

5 (B) the date or dates on which the con-  
6 ference, retreat, or other event occurred;

7 (C) the identity of the organization that  
8 sponsored or is affiliated with the event; and

9 (D) a single aggregate figure for the ex-  
10 penses incurred by the registrant in connection  
11 with the conference, retreat, or similar event;

12 (3) with respect to each financial benefit that is  
13 in the form of an event that is hosted or cohosted  
14 with or in honor of 1 or more covered legislative  
15 branch officials—

16 (A) the name and position of each such  
17 covered legislative branch official;

18 (B) the nature of the event;

19 (C) the date on which the event occurred;

20 and

21 (D) the expenses incurred by the registrant  
22 in connection with the event; and

23 (4) with respect to each financial benefit that is  
24 in the form of election campaign fundraising activ-  
25 ity—

1 (A) the name and position of the covered  
2 legislative branch official on behalf of whom the  
3 fundraising activity was performed;

4 (B) the nature of the fundraising activity;

5 (C) the date or dates on which the fund-  
6 raising activity was performed;

7 (D) the expenses incurred by the registrant  
8 in connection with the fundraising activity; and

9 (E) the number of contributions and the  
10 aggregate amount of contributions known by  
11 the registrant to have been made to the covered  
12 legislative branch official as a result of the  
13 fundraising activity.

14 (b) EXEMPTION.—A list described in subsection (a)  
15 need not disclose financial benefits having a value of \$20  
16 or less to the extent that the aggregate value of such fi-  
17 nancial benefits that are provided to or on behalf of a cov-  
18 ered legislative branch official or other person or entity  
19 during the calendar year in which the semiannual period  
20 covered by the report occurs has not exceeded \$50.

21 (c) DEFINITION.—As used in this section, the term  
22 “financial benefit”—

23 (1) means anything of value given to, on behalf  
24 of, or for the benefit of a covered legislative branch  
25 official, including—

1 (A) a gift;

2 (B) payment for local or long distance  
3 transportation, entertainment, food, or lodging,  
4 whether provided in kind, by purchase of a tick-  
5 et, by payment in advance or by reimburse-  
6 ment, or otherwise;

7 (C) a contribution or other payment made  
8 to a third party in lieu of an honorarium on the  
9 basis of a designation, recommendation, or  
10 other specification made by the covered legisla-  
11 tive branch official;

12 (D) reimbursement of an expense;

13 (E) a loan; and

14 (F) an expenditure made for a conference,  
15 retreat, or other event benefiting a covered per-  
16 son, but

17 (2) does not include—

18 (A) a contribution, as defined in the Fed-  
19 eral Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C.  
20 431 et seq.), that is required to be reported  
21 under that Act, unless the contribution is in the  
22 form of participation in a fundraising activity  
23 on behalf of a covered legislative branch official,  
24 including the solicitation of contributions,  
25 hosting or cohosting of a fundraising event, or

1 service on a campaign steering committee or its  
2 equivalent;

3 (B) a modest item of food or refreshments,  
4 such as a soft drink, coffee, or doughnut, of-  
5 fered other than as part of a meal;

6 (C) a greeting card or other item of little  
7 intrinsic value, such as a plaque, certificate, or  
8 trophy, that is intended solely for presentation;

9 (D) financial benefits given under cir-  
10 cumstances which make it clear that the bene-  
11 fits are motivated by a family or personal rela-  
12 tionship rather than the position of the recipi-  
13 ent;

14 (E) financial benefits which are not used  
15 and which are promptly returned to the donor;  
16 or

17 (F) widely attended receptions to which  
18 covered legislative branch officials are invited,  
19 other than events described in subsection  
20 (a)(2).

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