

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1244**

Introduced by

Representatives Wrangham, Delzer, M. Klein, Severson

Senators Christmann, Wardner

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-05.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to exceptions from the definition of a lobbyist.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-05.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **54-05.1-02. Applicability - Meaning of lobbyist.**

- 7 1. This chapter applies to any ~~person~~ individual who, in any manner whatsoever;  
8 ~~directly or indirectly~~, performs any of the following activities:
- 9 a. Attempts to secure the passage, amendment, or defeat of any legislation by  
10 the legislative assembly or the approval or veto of any legislation by the  
11 governor of the state.
  - 12 b. Attempts to influence decisions made by the legislative council or by an  
13 interim committee of the legislative council.
- 14 2. This chapter does not apply to any ~~person~~ individual who is:
- 15 a. A legislator.
  - 16 b. A private citizen appearing on the citizen's own behalf.
  - 17 c. An employee, officer, board member, volunteer, or agent of the state or its  
18 political subdivisions whether elected or appointed and whether or not  
19 compensated, who is acting in that ~~person's~~ individual's official capacity.
  - 20 d. Invited by the chairman of the legislative council, an interim committee of the  
21 legislative council, or a standing committee of the legislative assembly to  
22 appear before the council, interim committee, or standing committee for the  
23 purpose of providing information.

- 1                   e.    An individual who appears before a legislative committee for the sole purpose  
2                   of presenting testimony on behalf of a trade or professional organization or a  
3                   business or industry if the individual is introduced to the committee by the  
4                   registered lobbyist for the trade or professional organization or the business or  
5                   industry.
- 6                   f.    An individual who serves in a management position for a business if the  
7                   individual is appearing on behalf of that business.
- 8                   3.    For the purposes of this chapter, ~~persons~~ individuals required to register under this  
9                   chapter because of the performance of the activities described in subsection 1  
10                  must be known as "lobbyists".