

Subject Certain gifts to local officials exempted from gift ban

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Summary

In general, individuals that have a direct financial interest in a decision of a local official are prohibited from giving gifts or requests to a local official. Likewise, local officials are prohibited from accepting such gifts. There are certain exceptions to this rule stated in law.

This bill adds two exceptions to the local official gift ban:

- 1) Voluntary and noncontingent services for mental health or wellness support provided at no cost to first responders by a nonprofit organization whose mission is to support the mental and physical health and well-being of public safety personnel; and
- 2) A content-neutral meal or event open to all affected personnel and organized by a nonprofit entity designed to provide comfort and support to first responders after a death or significant traumatic event that occurred in the line of duty.