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LEGISLATIVE BILL 870

Introduced by Avery, 28; at the request of the Governor.

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Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to lobbying; to amend section 49-1492, Reissue
2 Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to prohibit certain former
3 officeholders from being lobbyists as prescribed; to
4 repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.
5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 49-1492, Reissue Revised Statutes of
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3 49-1492 (1) No person shall be employed as a lobbyist
4 for compensation contingent in any manner upon the outcome of an
5 administrative or legislative action.

6 (2) No person shall instigate the introduction of
7 legislation for the purpose of obtaining employment in opposition
8 thereto.

9 (3) No person shall attempt to influence the vote of the
10 legislators on any matters pending or to be proposed by the promise
11 of financial support or the financing of opposition to his or her
12 candidacy at any future election.

13 (4) No person shall engage in practices which reflect
14 discredit on the practice of lobbying or on the Legislature.

15 (5)(a) Except as provided in subdivision (b) of this
16 subsection, no person who holds the office of Governor, Lieutenant
17 Governor, Attorney General, State Treasurer, Secretary of State,
18 Auditor of Public Accounts, member of the Legislature, member
19 of the Public Service Commission, member of the State Board of
20 Education, or member of the Board of Regents of the University of
21 Nebraska shall be a lobbyist until at least two years have elapsed
22 after the date such person ceases to hold such office.

23 (b) Any person who was registered with the Clerk of the
24 Legislature as a lobbyist on the effective date of this act and who
25 held the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General,

1 State Treasurer, Secretary of State, Auditor of Public Accounts,
2 member of the Legislature, member of the Public Service Commission,
3 member of the State Board of Education, or member of the Board of
4 Regents of the University of Nebraska within two years prior to the
5 effective date of this act shall be exempt from the prohibition in
6 this subsection.

7 ~~(5)~~ (6) Any person violating the provisions of this
8 section shall be guilty of a Class III misdemeanor.

9 Sec. 2. Original section 49-1492, Reissue Revised
10 Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.

11 Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect
12 when passed and approved according to law.