

Cash/Gift Ban or Reduction Legislation

<u>Cash Gift Ban</u> (Metcalfe): This soon-to-be-introduced legislation is anticipated to include language that would prohibit legislators, public officials and public employees who are subject to the provisions of the Public Official and Employee Ethics Act from accepting cash gifts from individuals, including lobbyists and the principals they represent. This limitation would not apply to gifts provided by close family members when the motivation for the gift is of a personal nature.

House Bill 855 (Davis) - Prohibits public officers and candidates from accepting certain gifts, hospitality, transportation, and lodging from lobbyists, lobbying firms, or principals of lobbyists. *Currently in the House State Government Committee.*

House Bill 1667 (Saccone) – Prohibits public officials and employees from soliciting or accepting gifts from lobbyists. *Currently in the House State Government Committee.*

House Bill 1669 (Saccone) – Caps the value of transportation, lodging and hospitality a public official or employee may receive from a lobbyist at \$100 at any single or series of events within a 24-hour period, and at \$650 total per year. *Currently in the House State Government Committee.*

House Bill 1872 (Dunbar) - Amends Title 65 (Public Officers) in regards to financial disclosures, to reduce the threshold of reporting gifts to \$50 from the current level of \$250 and reduce the threshold for transportation and lodging reporting to \$100 from the current level of \$650. *Currently in the House State Government Committee.*

Cash Gift Ban (Baker/Smucker): A ban on legislators accepting cash gifts from lobbyists, principals, consultants and others who seek to influence the legislative process. *No bill number yet.* The lawmakers also are proposing a new Senate rule to impose the same ban on legislators and Senate staff.

<u>Senate Bill 750</u> (Eichelberger/Stack): Would require reporting of all gifts, meals, travel and entertainment made to state legislators and members of the Executive Office. *Currently in the Senate State Government Committee.*

<u>Senate Bill 758</u> (Eichelberger/Stack): Places the Governor's Code of Conduct into a statute. This code of conduct prohibits the governor, lieutenant governor, and executive agency workers from accepting gifts and favors from companies that conduct business with the Commonwealth, are regulated by the Commonwealth, or have an issue pending before an executive agency. *Currently in the Senate State Government Committee.*