

S.59

An act relating to approval of expenditures for gifts

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 32 V.S.A. § 437 is added to read:

§ 437. EXPENDITURES FOR GIFTS; APPROVAL REQUIRED

The use of state funds by an agency, department, office, or other unit of the executive branch of state government for gifts of any value given to anyone, including members of the legislative branch, state employees, or the public, shall be prohibited without the specific approval of the secretary of administration or designee. Any gifts shall be limited to those that provide some utility to the recipient that is related to the mission of the agency, department, office, or other unit of the executive branch of state government; or act as an incentive to change the behavior of the recipient in a manner consistent with the goals of the agency, department, office, or other unit of the executive branch of state government; or convey a message or provide awareness or education to an intended recipient who is a member of the target audience for the agency, department, office, or other unit of the executive branch of state government. For the purposes of this section, “gifts of any value” includes shirts, caps, and other articles of clothing, pens, writing implements, and calendars bearing the logo of or otherwise identifying the donor.