

1 H.64

2 Introduced by Representative Rogers of Waterville

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Legislature; lobbyists, lobbyist employers, and lobbying firms;
6 prohibited conduct; gift prohibition

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to amend
8 2 V.S.A. § 266 (prohibited conduct) within the chapter of law regulating
9 lobbying in order to prohibit gifts to legislators from lobbyists, lobbyist
10 employers, and lobbying firms. Within the chapter, “gift” is generally defined
11 in 2 V.S.A. § 261(6) as including, among other things, “anything of value,
12 tangible or intangible, that is bestowed for less than adequate consideration.”
13 Accordingly, this bill would prohibit a lobbying entity from providing to a
14 legislator food, beverages, or any other item unless the legislator pays that
15 lobbying entity for the actual value of that item.

16 An act relating to prohibiting gifts to legislators from lobbying entities

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

18 (TEXT OMITTED IN SHORT-FORM BILLS)