LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE BILL 792

Introduced by Kuehn, 38. Read first time January 07, 2016 Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to lobbying; to amend section 49-1492, Reissue 2 Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to prohibit certain former 3 officeholders and public employees from being lobbyists as 4 prescribed; to repeal the original section; and to declare an 5 emergency. 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

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

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

6 (2) No person shall instigate the introduction of legislation for7 the purpose of obtaining employment in opposition thereto.

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

12 (4) No person shall engage in practices which reflect discredit on13 the practice of lobbying or on the Legislature.

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

(b) No public employee, other than an individual employed in a 21 clerical or nonpolicymaking capacity, who is employed by the Governor, 22 Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Treasurer, Secretary of 23 State, Auditor of Public Accounts, Legislative Council, Public Service 24 Commission, State Board of Education, or Board of Regents of the 25 University of Nebraska shall be a lobbyist until at least one year has 26 elapsed after the date such public employee ceases to hold such 27 28 employment.

(<u>6</u> 5) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be
 guilty of a Class III misdemeanor.

31 Sec. 2. Original section 49-1492, Reissue Revised Statutes of

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- 1 Nebraska, is repealed.
- 2 Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when 3 passed and approved according to law.