AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1123(39)(a), relative to the Code of Governmental Ethics; to allow an immediate family member of a legislator to lobby the legislature under certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 42:1123(39)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1123. Exceptions

This Part shall not preclude:

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(39) An immediate family member of a legislator from being a registered lobbyist or from lobbying as provided in R.S. 24:50 et seq., provided each of the following:

(a) The immediate family member was a registered lobbyist as provided in R.S. 49:71 et seq., for at least one year prior to January 9, 2012, or was a registered lobbyist as provided in R.S. 24:50 et seq., for at least one year prior to January 1, 2009, or for at least one year prior to becoming an immediate family member of the legislator, or for at least one year prior to the legislator's initial election to the legislature.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: ____________________

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