

Existing law (ethics code) prohibits the immediate family member of a legislator from entering into or being in any way interested in any transaction involving the legislator's agency. Existing law (R.S. 42:1123(39)) provides an exception to allow an immediate family member of a legislator to be a registered lobbyist and to lobby the legislature as provided in existing law (R.S. 24:50 et seq.), provided the immediate family member was a registered lobbyist as provided in present law (R.S. 24:50 et seq.), for at least one year prior Jan. 1, 2009, at least one year prior to becoming an immediate family member of the legislator, or at least one year prior to the legislator's initial election to the legislature. Existing law provides that the lobbying activity of such an immediate family member of a legislator is subject to specified prohibitions (see below).

New law adds an exception for an immediate family member of a legislator to be a registered lobbyist and to lobby the legislature if the immediate family member was a registered executive branch lobbyist as provided in existing law (R.S. 49:71 et seq.) for at least one year prior to Jan. 9, 2012, provided that such lobbying activity is subject to the prohibitions in existing law (see below).

Existing law provides that the immediate family member shall not lobby the legislator or communicate with any public employee assigned to the district office of the legislator, with any public employee whose primary duty is to assist the individual legislator, or if the legislator is a committee chairman, with any public employee assigned to the committee of which the legislator is chairman concerning any matter which may be the subject of action by the legislature.

Effective upon signature of governor (May 30, 2014).

(Amends R.S. 42:1123(39)(a))