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SENATE BILL ***343***

AN ACT **relative to legislative ethics guidelines.**

SPONSORS: **Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. Giuda, Dist 2; Sen. Daniels, Dist 11; Sen. D'Allesandro, Dist 20; Rep. Wall, Straf. 6; Rep. Hinch, Hills. 21; Rep. Welch, Rock. 13; Rep. Packard, Rock. 5**

COMMITTEE: **Rules and Enrolled Bills**

ANALYSIS

This bill clarifies certain terms used in the legislative ethics guidelines.

Explanation: **Matter added to current law appears in *bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eighteen

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

314:1 New Paragraph; Legislative Ethics Committee; Definitions; Rule. Amend RSA 14-B:1 by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph:

III-a. "Rule" means any rule adopted pursuant to this chapter and shall not include any rule of proceeding adopted by the house of representatives or the senate.

314:2 Definitions; Expense Reimbursement. Amend RSA 14-C:2, III to read as follows:

III. "Expense reimbursement" shall mean any price, charge, fee, expense, or other cost which is waived, forgiven, reduced, prepaid, or reimbursed in any form for the reasonable expenses of attendance, registration, travel, meals, or lodging related to a bona fide conference, meeting, seminar, or educational, cultural, or informational program, or an event to which the recipient is invited in his or her official capacity as a representative of the senate or the house of representatives of which the recipient is a member. ***"Expense reimbursement" shall not include any expense reimbursement made by the general court to a legislator, legislative officer, or legislative employee.***

314:3 Gifts, Honorariums, and Reimbursements. Amend RSA 14-C:2, IV(a)(2) to read as follows:

(2) Any other tangible thing, intangible thing, service, or the use thereof having an individual value of greater than $50. ***For purposes of this section, "service" shall not include acceptance of legal services on an individual basis when the legislator enters into an attorney-client relationship with the attorney for the purposes of addressing a complaint or petition if the attorney is not a registered lobbyist.***

314:4 New Subparagraph; Definitions; Gift; Exclusions. Amend RSA 14-C:2, IV(b) by inserting after subparagraph (13) the following new subparagraph:

(14) Any expense reimbursements made by the general court to a legislator, legislative officer, or legislative employee.

314:5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: June 25, 2018
Effective Date: August 24, 2018