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3 By Representative Baker  
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ENROLLED, An Act,

Relating to ethics; to add Section 36-25-1.3 to the Code of Alabama 1975; to provide circumstances under which an individual acting as an economic development professional is not considered a lobbyist.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 36-25-1.3 is added to the Code of Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

§36-25-1.3.

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law, including, but not limited to, this chapter, an individual acting as an economic development professional is not a lobbyist, unless and until he or she seeks incentives through legislative action in the Legislature, that are above and beyond, or in addition to, the then current statutory or constitutional authorization.

(b) For purposes of this section, an economic development professional is an individual seeking to advance specific, good faith economic development or trade promotion projects or related objectives for a business, chamber of commerce or similar nonprofit economic development organization in the State of Alabama, a city, a county, a political subdivision of the state, or a governmental corporation or authority.

1           (c) For the purposes of this section, the term  
2 economic development professional does not include elected  
3 officials, legislators, nor any former legislator within two  
4 years of the end of the term for which he or she was elected.

5           (d) This section shall not apply to any person that  
6 is otherwise required to register as a lobbyist.

7           Section 2. This act shall become effective  
8 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
9 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was passed by the House 04-APR-19.

Jeff Woodard  
Clerk

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Senate

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Passed