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PRESS ADVISORY

Frederick M. Herrmann, Ph.D., Executive Director of the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, announced today that the Commission is proposing an amendment to N.J.A.C. 19:25-20.13, Notice of lobbying benefit, to permit the exclusion of a benefit or benefits provided by a lobbyist or legislative agent from certain lobbying reporting requirements, provided that the benefit recipient has not received benefits in excess of a commercial value of \$250.00 in the calendar year, and provided the recipient fully reimburses the lobbyist or legislative agent for the commercial value of those benefits.

The proposed text will appear in the <u>New Jersey Register</u> on August 3, 1998. Copies of Commission's proposal may be obtained by calling the Commission at (609) 292-8700.

The Commission will conduct a public hearing to elicit public comment concerning the proposal on Tuesday, September 29, 1998, at 10:30 a.m. at:

Election Law Enforcement Commission 28 West State Street, 12th Floor Trenton, New Jersey

The Commission invites participation in this hearing and requests that any testimony be limited to no more than ten minutes. Please contact Elbia Zepetelli by Friday, September 25, 1998, at (609) 292-8700 to reserve time to speak. Please note that the hearing date has been changed from September 18, 1998, as indicated in the New Jersey Register, to September 29, 1998.

The Commission welcomes written comments concerning the proposed amendment. Submit written comments by September 29, 1998 to:

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