6.811 Prohibitions against certain conduct by legislative agents and their employers -- Penalties.

- (1) A legislative agent or employer shall not knowingly fail to register, as required under KRS 6.807.
- (2) A legislative agent or employer shall not knowingly fail to keep a receipt or maintain a record which KRS 6.821 requires the person to keep or maintain.
- (3) A person shall not knowingly fail to file a statement that KRS 6.807, 6.821, or 6.824 requires the person to file.
- (4) A legislative agent or employer shall not knowingly offer, give, or agree to give anything of value to a legislator, a candidate, or the spouse or child of a legislator or candidate.
- (5) A legislative agent shall not serve as a campaign treasurer, and shall not directly solicit, control, or deliver a campaign contribution, for a candidate or legislator.
- (6) A legislative agent shall not make a campaign contribution to a legislator, a candidate, or his or her campaign committee.
- (7) During a regular session of the General Assembly, an employer of a legislative agent shall not make a campaign contribution to a legislator, candidate, campaign committee for a legislator or candidate, or caucus campaign committee. This subsection shall not apply to candidates for the General Assembly in a special election held during a regular session of the General Assembly.
- (8) An employer shall not knowingly employ, appoint, or retain a serving legislator or former legislator as a legislative agent until at least two (2) years have elapsed from the date on which he or she vacated his or her office.
- (9) No person shall engage any person to lobby in exchange for compensation that is contingent in any way upon the passage, modification, or defeat of any legislation. No person shall accept any engagement to lobby in exchange for compensation that is contingent in any way upon the passage, modification, or defeat of any legislation. Violation of this provision is a Class D felony.
- (10) A legislative agent or other lobbyist shall not go upon the floor of either house of the General Assembly while the house is in session, except upon invitation of that house. Violation of this provision is a Class B misdemeanor.
- (11) If any legislative agent or employer violates any provision in subsections (4) to (8) of this section, he or she shall for the first violation be guilty of ethical misconduct. For the second and each subsequent violation, he or she shall be guilty of a Class D felony.

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