

1 HB289
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3 By Representative Baker
4 RFD: Economic Development and Tourism
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8 SYNOPSIS: A law that expired April 1, 2019, had
9 provided that certain individuals acting as
10 economic development professionals in certain
11 circumstances were not considered lobbyists.

12 This bill would revive the law, but would
13 revise the circumstances under which an individual
14 acting as an economic development professional is
15 not considered a lobbyist.

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17 A BILL
18 TO BE ENTITLED
19 AN ACT

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

25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

1 §36-25-1.3.

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

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

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

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

23 Section 2. This act shall become effective
24 immediately following its passage and approval by the
25 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.