

## 1 HOUSE BILL NO. 804

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO LOBBYING; INCREASING THE  
5 PAYMENT THRESHOLD TO \$3,000 FOR LOBBYISTS; REVISING WHEN AND HOW THE COMMISSIONER  
6 ADJUSTS THE PAYMENT THRESHOLD FOR LOBBYISTS TO ACCOUNT FOR INFLATION; AND  
7 AMENDING SECTION 5-7-112, MCA."

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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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11 **Section 1.** Section 5-7-112, MCA, is amended to read:

12 **"5-7-112. Payment threshold -- inflation adjustment.** For calendar year 2004 2025, the payment  
13 threshold referred to in 5-7-102(12)(b)(iii), 5-7-103, and 5-7-208 is ~~\$2,150~~ \$3,000. The commissioner shall  
14 adjust the threshold amount ~~following a general election~~ each even-numbered year by multiplying the threshold  
15 amount valid for the even year in ~~which the general election was held~~ by an inflation factor, ~~adopted by the~~  
16 ~~commissioner by rule. The rule must be written to reflect the annual average change in the consumer price~~  
17 ~~index from the prior year to the year in which the general election is held. The inflation factor is determined by~~  
18 dividing the consumer price index for June of the even-numbered year by the consumer price index for June of  
19 the prior year. The resulting figure must be rounded up or down to the nearest \$50 increment. The  
20 commissioner shall adopt the adjusted amount by rule, effective on January 1 of the following odd year."

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