

Sec. 1-92-53. Definition of major life event

The term “major life event”, for purposes of section 1-79(5) and section 1-91(7) of the Connecticut General Statutes, shall include: a ceremony commemorating an individual's induction into religious adulthood such as a confirmation or bar mitzvah; a wedding; a funeral; the birth or adoption of a child; and retirement from public service or state employment. It shall not include any event which occurs on an annual basis such as an anniversary; except that personal gifts of up to twenty-five dollars per occasion, aggregating no more than fifty dollars per recipient in a calendar year, shall be permitted to a minor incident to a birthday or other traditional gift-giving occasion, e.g., Christmas or Chanukah.

Pursuant to section 1-96(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, a communicator lobbyist registrant need not disclose food and beverage provided to a public official in the legislative or executive branch or a member of his staff or immediate family at the registrant's major life event, as defined by the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board. For example, a communicator lobbyist registrant need not report to the Office of State Ethics the cost of a meal provided to a public official at the communicator registrant's own wedding reception.

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