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Short Title: Clarify Use of Position.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT A LEGISLATOR'S OR PUBLIC SERVANT'S PUBLIC POSITION MAY BE DISCLOSED IN AN AGENDA OR OTHER DOCUMENT RELATED TO A MEETING, CONFERENCE, OR SIMILAR EVENT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 138A-31(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) A covered person shall not mention or ~~permit~~authorize another person to mention the covered person's public position in nongovernmental advertising that advances the private interest of the covered person or others. The prohibition in this subsection shall not apply to any of the following:

(1) ~~political advertising,~~ Political advertising.

(2) ~~news stories, news articles,~~ News stories and articles.

(3) ~~the~~ The inclusion of a covered person's public position in a directory or a biographical listing, listing.

(4) The inclusion of a covered person's public position in an agenda or other document related to a meeting, conference, or similar event when the disclosure could reasonably be considered material by an individual attending the meeting, conference, or similar event.

(5) ~~or the~~ The inclusion of a covered person's public position in a charitable solicitation for a nonprofit business entity qualifying under 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3).

(6) ~~Disclosure~~ The disclosure of a covered person's position to an existing or prospective customer, supplier, or client is not considered advertising for purposes of this subsection when the disclosure could reasonably be considered material by the customer, supplier, or client."

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2011.

