

SB1539



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB1539

Introduced 2/9/2017, by Sen. Chuck Weaver

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

25 ILCS 170/4.6 new

Amends the Lobbyist Registration Act. Requires lobbyists to file with the Secretary of State a written statement that describes the procedures that the lobbyist and lobbyist's client will follow if the lobbyist or client determines that the lobbyist's representation of the client creates a conflict of interest. Prohibits a lobbyist from representing a client if the representation involves a conflict of interest, unless otherwise provided in the agreement between the lobbyist and the party he or she represents.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Lobbyist Registration Act is amended by
5 adding Section 4.6 as follows:

6 (25 ILCS 170/4.6 new)

7 Sec. 4.6. Lobbyist conflict of interest.

8 (a) Except as provided in subsection (c), this Section does
9 not apply to a lobbyist if the lobbyist's activity under this
10 Section is governed by the Illinois Rules of Professional
11 Conduct of 2010 of the Illinois Supreme Court.

12 (b) As used in this Section, "conflict of interest" means a
13 circumstance where:

14 (1) the representation of a client will be directly
15 adverse to another client; or

16 (2) there is a significant risk that the representation
17 of one or more clients will be materially limited by the
18 lobbyist's responsibilities to (i) another client or (ii) a
19 personal interest of the lobbyist.

20 (c) A lobbyist shall file with the Secretary of State a
21 written statement that describes the procedures that the
22 lobbyist and the lobbyist's client will follow if the lobbyist
23 or client determines at any time that the lobbyist's

1 representation of the client might involve a conflict of
2 interest. The lobbyist shall file the statement with the
3 Secretary at the time the lobbyist files the lobbyist's annual
4 registration. If the lobbyist's activity under this Section is
5 governed by the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct of 2010
6 of the Illinois Supreme Court, the lobbyist shall file a
7 statement to that effect with the Secretary.

8 (d) The statement filed under subsection (c) must be
9 included in the agreement between the lobbyist and the client
10 for the lobbyist's services as a lobbyist.

11 (e) A lobbyist may not represent a client if the
12 representation involves a conflict of interest, except as is
13 provided in the statement filed by the lobbyist under
14 subsection (c).