

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 changing Sections 2, 5, and 7 as follows:

6 (25 ILCS 170/2) (from Ch. 63, par. 172)

7 Sec. 2. Definitions. As used in this Act, unless the
8 context otherwise requires:

9 (a) "Person" means any individual, firm, partnership,
10 committee, association, corporation, or any other organization
11 or group of persons.

12 (b) "Expenditure" means a payment, distribution, loan,
13 advance, deposit, or gift of money or anything of value, and
14 includes a contract, promise, or agreement, whether or not
15 legally enforceable, to make an expenditure, for the ultimate
16 purpose of influencing executive, legislative, or
17 administrative action, other than compensation as defined in
18 subsection (d).

19 (c) "Official" means:

20 (1) the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of
21 State, Attorney General, State Treasurer, and State
22 Comptroller;

23 (2) Chiefs of Staff for officials described in item

1 (1);

2 (3) Cabinet members of any elected constitutional
3 officer, including Directors, Assistant Directors and
4 Chief Legal Counsel or General Counsel;

5 (4) Members of the General Assembly; and

6 (5) Members of any board, commission, authority, or
7 task force of the State authorized or created by State law
8 or by executive order of the Governor.

9 (d) "Compensation" means any money, thing of value or
10 financial benefits received or to be received in return for
11 services rendered or to be rendered, for lobbying as defined in
12 subsection (e).

13 Monies paid to members of the General Assembly by the State
14 as remuneration for performance of their Constitutional and
15 statutory duties as members of the General Assembly shall not
16 constitute compensation as defined by this Act.

17 (e) "Lobby" and "lobbying" means any communication with an
18 official of the executive or legislative branch of State
19 government as defined in subsection (c) for the ultimate
20 purpose of influencing any executive, legislative, or
21 administrative action.

22 (f) "Influencing" means any communication, action,
23 reportable expenditure as prescribed in Section 6 or other
24 means used to promote, support, affect, modify, oppose or delay
25 any executive, legislative or administrative action or to
26 promote goodwill with officials as defined in subsection (c).

1 (g) "Executive action" means the proposal, drafting,
2 development, consideration, amendment, adoption, approval,
3 promulgation, issuance, modification, rejection or
4 postponement by a State entity of a rule, regulation, order,
5 decision, determination, contractual arrangement, purchasing
6 agreement or other quasi-legislative or quasi-judicial action
7 or proceeding.

8 (h) "Legislative action" means the development, drafting,
9 introduction, consideration, modification, adoption,
10 rejection, review, enactment, or passage or defeat of any bill,
11 amendment, resolution, report, nomination, administrative rule
12 or other matter by either house of the General Assembly or a
13 committee thereof, or by a legislator. Legislative action also
14 means the action of the Governor in approving or vetoing any
15 bill or portion thereof, and the action of the Governor or any
16 agency in the development of a proposal for introduction in the
17 legislature.

18 (i) "Administrative action" means the execution or
19 rejection of any rule, regulation, legislative rule, standard,
20 fee, rate, contractual arrangement, purchasing agreement or
21 other delegated legislative or quasi-legislative action to be
22 taken or withheld by any executive agency, department, board or
23 commission of the State.

24 (j) "Lobbyist" means any natural person who undertakes to
25 lobby State government as provided in subsection (e).

26 (k) "Lobbying entity" means any entity that hires, retains,

1 employs, or compensates a natural person to lobby State
2 government as provided in subsection (e).

3 (l) "Authorized agent" means the person designated by an
4 entity or lobbyist registered under this Act as the person
5 responsible for submission and retention of reports required
6 under this Act.

7 (m) "Client" means any person or entity that provides
8 compensation to a lobbyist to lobby State government as
9 provided in subsection (e) of this Section.

10 (n) "Client registrant" means a client who is required to
11 register under this Act.

12 (o) "Unit of local government" has the meaning ascribed to
13 it in Section 1 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution and
14 also includes school districts and community college
15 districts.

16 (Source: P.A. 98-459, eff. 1-1-14.)

17 (25 ILCS 170/5)

18 Sec. 5. Lobbyist registration and disclosure. Every
19 natural person and every entity required to register under this
20 Act shall before any service is performed which requires the
21 natural person or entity to register, but in any event not
22 later than 2 business days after being employed or retained,
23 file in the Office of the Secretary of State a statement in a
24 format prescribed by the Secretary of State containing the
25 following information with respect to each person or entity

1 employing, retaining, or benefitting from the services of the
2 natural person or entity required to register:

3 (a) The registrant's name, permanent address, e-mail
4 address, if any, fax number, if any, business telephone
5 number, and temporary address, if the registrant has a
6 temporary address while lobbying.

7 (a-5) If the registrant is an entity, the information
8 required under subsection (a) for each natural person
9 associated with the registrant who will be lobbying,
10 regardless of whether lobbying is a significant part of his
11 or her duties.

12 (b) The name and address of the client or clients
13 employing or retaining the registrant to perform such
14 services or on whose behalf the registrant appears. If the
15 client employing or retaining the registrant is a client
16 registrant, the statement shall also include the name and
17 address of the client or clients of the client registrant
18 on whose behalf the registrant will be or anticipates
19 performing services.

20 (b-5) If the registrant employs or retains a
21 sub-registrant, the statement shall include the name and
22 address of the sub-registrant and identify the client or
23 clients of the registrant on whose behalf the
24 sub-registrant will be or is anticipated to be performing
25 services.

26 (c) A brief description of the executive, legislative,

1 or administrative action in reference to which such service
2 is to be rendered.

3 (c-5) Each executive and legislative branch agency the
4 registrant expects to lobby during the registration
5 period.

6 (c-6) The nature of the client's business, by
7 indicating all of the following categories that apply: (1)
8 banking and financial services, (2) manufacturing, (3)
9 education, (4) environment, (5) healthcare, (6) insurance,
10 (7) community interests, (8) labor, (9) public relations or
11 advertising, (10) marketing or sales, (11) hospitality,
12 (12) engineering, (13) information or technology products
13 or services, (14) social services, (15) public utilities,
14 (16) racing or wagering, (17) real estate or construction,
15 (18) telecommunications, (19) trade or professional
16 association, (20) travel or tourism, (21) transportation,
17 (22) agriculture, and (23) other (setting forth the nature
18 of that other business).

19 (d) A confirmation that the registrant has a sexual
20 harassment policy as required by Section 4.7, that such
21 policy shall be made available to any individual within 2
22 business days upon written request (including electronic
23 requests), that any person may contact the authorized agent
24 of the registrant to report allegations of sexual
25 harassment, and that the registrant recognizes the
26 Inspector General has jurisdiction to review any

1 allegations of sexual harassment alleged against the
2 registrant or lobbyists hired by the registrant.

3 (e) Each unit of local government in this State for
4 which the registrant is or expects to be required to
5 register to lobby the local government during the
6 registration period. "Lobby" shall have the meaning
7 ascribed to it by the relevant unit of local government.

8 (f) Each elected or appointed public office in this
9 State to be held by the registrant at any time during the
10 registration period.

11 Every natural person and every entity required to register
12 under this Act shall annually submit the registration required
13 by this Section on or before each January 31. The registrant
14 has a continuing duty to report any substantial change or
15 addition to the information contained in the registration.
16 Registrants registered as of the effective date of this
17 amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly shall update their
18 registration to add the information required under subsections
19 (b-5), (e), and (f), if applicable, within 30 days after the
20 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 101st General
21 Assembly.

22 The Secretary of State shall make all filed statements and
23 amendments to statements publicly available by means of a
24 searchable database that is accessible through the World Wide
25 Web. The Secretary of State shall provide all software
26 necessary to comply with this provision to all natural persons

1 and entities required to file. The Secretary of State shall
2 implement a plan to provide computer access and assistance to
3 natural persons and entities required to file electronically.

4 All natural persons and entities required to register under
5 this Act shall remit a single, annual, and nonrefundable \$300
6 registration fee. Each natural person required to register
7 under this Act shall submit, on an annual basis, a picture of
8 the registrant. A registrant may, in lieu of submitting a
9 picture on an annual basis, authorize the Secretary of State to
10 use any photo identification available in any database
11 maintained by the Secretary of State for other purposes. Each
12 registration fee collected for registrations on or after
13 January 1, 2010 shall be deposited into the Lobbyist
14 Registration Administration Fund for administration and
15 enforcement of this Act.

16 (Source: P.A. 100-554, eff. 11-16-17.)

17 (25 ILCS 170/7) (from Ch. 63, par. 177)

18 Sec. 7. Duties of the Secretary of State.

19 (a) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to
20 provide appropriate forms for the registration and reporting of
21 information required by this Act and to keep such registrations
22 and reports on file in his office for 3 years from the date of
23 filing. He shall also provide and maintain a register with
24 appropriate blanks and indexes so that the information required
25 in Sections 5 and 6 of this Act may be accordingly entered.

1 Such records shall be considered public information and open to
2 public inspection.

3 (b) Within 5 business days after a filing deadline, the
4 Secretary of State shall notify persons he determines are
5 required to file but have failed to do so.

6 (c) The Secretary of State shall provide adequate software
7 to the persons required to file under this Act, and all
8 registrations, reports, statements, and amendments required to
9 be filed shall be filed electronically. The Secretary of State
10 shall promptly make all filed reports publicly available by
11 means of a searchable database that is accessible through the
12 World Wide Web. The Secretary of State shall provide all
13 software necessary to comply with this provision to all persons
14 required to file. The Secretary of State shall implement a plan
15 to provide computer access and assistance to persons required
16 to file electronically.

17 (d) The Secretary of State shall include registrants'
18 pictures when publishing or posting on his or her website the
19 information required in Section 5.

20 (d-5) Within 90 days after the effective date of this
21 amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly, the Secretary of
22 State shall create a publicly accessible and searchable
23 database bringing together disclosures by registered lobbyists
24 under this Act, contributions by registered lobbyists required
25 to be disclosed under the Election Code, and statements of
26 economic interests required to be filed by State officials and

1 employees under the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act.

2 (e) The Secretary of State shall receive and investigate
3 allegations of violations of this Act. Any employee of the
4 Secretary of State who receives an allegation shall immediately
5 transmit it to the Secretary of State Inspector General.

6 (Source: P.A. 96-555, eff. 1-1-10; 96-1358, eff. 7-28-10.)

7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
8 becoming law.