



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HB1971

Introduced 2/17/2021, by Rep. Ann M. Williams

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

25 ILCS 170/3.2 new

Amends the Lobbyist Registration Act. Provides that any person or entity who makes an expenditure on or after July 1, 2021 for television, print, online, radio, or direct mail advertising for the purpose of influencing any executive, legislative, or administrative action related to the Illinois Public Utilities Act, the Illinois Power Agency Act, or both, shall file a report with the Secretary of State no later than June 30 of the year in which the expenditure is made disclosing the amount of the expenditure and the source of the funds used to make the expenditure. Provides that certain media organizations are exempt. Sets forth penalties for failure to comply.

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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 3.2 as follows:

6 (25 ILCS 170/3.2 new)

7 Sec. 3.2. Media expenditure reports. Notwithstanding any
8 other provision of law, any person or entity who makes an
9 expenditure on or after July 1, 2021 for television, print,
10 online, radio, or direct mail advertising for the purpose of
11 influencing any executive, legislative, or administrative
12 action related to the Illinois Public Utilities Act, the
13 Illinois Power Agency Act, or both, other than a person or
14 entity who is exempt under paragraph (2) of Section 3, shall
15 file a report with the Secretary of State no later than June 30
16 of the year in which the expenditure is made disclosing the
17 amount of the expenditure and the source of the funds used to
18 make the expenditure. A report shall be made under this
19 Section regardless of whether the advertising was directed at
20 any specific public official or group of public officials.
21 Knowing failure to comply with this Section constitutes a
22 violation of this Act and is subject to the penalties set forth
23 in subsection (a) of Section 10.