

HB1169



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 1/9/2025, by Rep. Maurice A. West, II

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

25 ILCS 170/5

Amends the Lobbyist Registration Act. Directs the Secretary of State to grant a waiver of the lobbyist registration fee for any not-for-profit entity with an annual budget of less than \$5,000,000 that is classified as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, including a waiver for any lobbyist that exclusively lobbies on behalf of such an entity.

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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 changing Section 5 as follows:

6 (25 ILCS 170/5)

7 Sec. 5. Lobbyist registration and disclosure. Every
8 natural person and every entity required to register under
9 this Act shall before any service is performed which requires
10 the natural person or entity to register, but in any event not
11 later than 2 business days after being employed or retained,
12 file in the Office of the Secretary of State a statement in a
13 format prescribed by the Secretary of State containing the
14 following information with respect to each person or entity
15 employing, retaining, or benefitting from the services of the
16 natural person or entity required to register:

17 (a) The registrant's name, permanent address, e-mail
18 address, if any, fax number, if any, business telephone
19 number, and temporary address, if the registrant has a
20 temporary address while lobbying.

21 (a-5) If the registrant is an entity, the information
22 required under subsection (a) for each natural person
23 associated with the registrant who will be lobbying,

1 regardless of whether lobbying is a significant part of
2 his or her duties.

3 (b) The name and address of the client or clients
4 employing or retaining the registrant to perform such
5 services or on whose behalf the registrant appears. If the
6 client employing or retaining the registrant is a client
7 registrant, the statement shall also include the name and
8 address of the client or clients of the client registrant
9 on whose behalf the registrant will be or anticipates
10 performing services.

11 (b-5) If the registrant employs or retains a
12 sub-registrant, the statement shall include the name and
13 address of the sub-registrant and identify the client or
14 clients of the registrant on whose behalf the
15 sub-registrant will be or is anticipated to be performing
16 services.

17 (b-7) If the registrant retains a consultant, the
18 statement shall include the name and address of the
19 consultant and identify the client or clients and each
20 executive and legislative branch agency for which the
21 consultant is to provide advisory services.

22 (c) For those identified under subsections (b), (b-5),
23 and (b-7), a brief description of the executive,
24 legislative, or administrative action in reference to
25 which such service is to be rendered.

26 (c-5) Each executive and legislative branch agency of

1 the State and each unit of local government the registrant
2 expects to lobby during the registration period.

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

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

26 (e) (Blank).

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

4 Every natural person and every entity required to register
5 under this Act shall annually submit the registration required
6 by this Section on or before each January 31. The registrant
7 has a continuing duty to report any substantial change or
8 addition to the information contained in the registration. A
9 registrant who retains a consultant shall file an amended
10 registration before any consulting services are performed, but
11 in any event not later than 2 business days after the
12 consultant is retained, setting forth the information required
13 in subsections (b-7) and (c) of this Section.

14 The Secretary of State shall make all filed statements and
15 amendments to statements publicly available by means of a
16 searchable database that is accessible through the World Wide
17 Web. The Secretary of State shall provide all software
18 necessary to comply with this provision to all natural persons
19 and entities required to file. The Secretary of State shall
20 implement a plan to provide computer access and assistance to
21 natural persons and entities required to file electronically.

22 All natural persons and entities required to register
23 under this Act shall remit a single, annual, and nonrefundable
24 \$300 registration fee. The Secretary of State shall grant a
25 waiver of this registration fee to any not-for-profit entity
26 with an annual budget of less than \$5,000,000 that is

1 classified as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the
2 Internal Revenue Code, including a waiver of that fee for any
3 lobbyist that exclusively lobbies on behalf of that entity.

4 Each natural person required to register under this Act
5 shall submit, on an annual basis, a picture of the registrant.
6 A registrant may, in lieu of submitting a picture on an annual
7 basis, authorize the Secretary of State to use any photo
8 identification available in any database maintained by the
9 Secretary of State for other purposes. Each registration fee
10 collected for registrations shall be deposited into the
11 Lobbyist Registration Administration Fund for administration
12 and enforcement of this Act.

13 (Source: P.A. 101-595, eff. 12-5-19; 102-664, eff. 1-1-22.)