



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB2389

Introduced 2/17/2021, by Rep. Dave Vella

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

25 ILCS 170/2

from Ch. 63, par. 172

25 ILCS 170/3.5 new

Amends the Lobbyist Registration Act. Provides that no official shall, within a period of 5 years immediately following the end of his or her term of office, engage in lobbying or any other activity that would require registration under the Act. Modifies the definition of "official" to include any elected or appointed official of a unit of local government.

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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 changing Section 2 and by adding Section 3.5 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; ~~and.~~

9 (6) any elected or appointed official of a unit of
10 local government.

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

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

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

24 (f) "Influencing" means any communication, action,
25 reportable expenditure as prescribed in Section 6 or other
26 means used to promote, support, affect, modify, oppose or

1 delay any executive, legislative or administrative action or
2 to promote goodwill with officials as defined in subsection
3 (c).

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

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

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

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

3 (k) "Lobbying entity" means any entity that hires,
4 retains, employs, or compensates a natural person to lobby
5 State government as provided in subsection (e).

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

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

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

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

19 (Source: P.A. 101-595, eff. 12-5-19.)

20 (25 ILCS 170/3.5 new)

21 Sec. 3.5. Public official lobbying prohibition. No
22 official shall, within a period of 5 years immediately
23 following the end of his or her term of office, engage in
24 lobbying or any other activity that would require registration
25 under this Act.