

## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2025 and 2026 SB1634

Introduced 2/4/2025, by Sen. Julie A. Morrison

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

25 ILCS 170/10

from Ch. 63, par. 180

Amends the Lobbyist Registration Act. Provides that any person who is convicted of any felony relating to, arising out of, or in connection with any activity regulated by the Act is prohibited for a period of 5 years from the date of such conviction from lobbying as a registered lobbyist under the Act. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning State government.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Lobbyist Registration Act is amended by changing Section 10 as follows:
- 6 (25 ILCS 170/10) (from Ch. 63, par. 180)
- 7 Sec. 10. Penalties.

- (a) Any person who violates any of the provisions of this Act, except for a violation of Section 4.7 or paragraph (d) of Section 5, shall be guilty of a business offense and shall be fined not more than \$10,000 for each violation. Every day that a report or registration is late shall constitute a separate violation. In determining the appropriate fine for each violation, the trier of fact shall consider the scope of the entire lobbying project, the nature of activities conducted during the time the person was in violation of this Act, and whether or not the violation was intentional or unreasonable.
- (a-5) A violation of Section 4.7 or paragraph (d) of Section 5 shall be considered a violation of the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act, subject to the jurisdiction of the Executive Ethics Commission and to all penalties under Section 50-5 of the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act.

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- addition to the penalties provided for 1 (b) 2 subsections (a) and (a-5) of this Section, any person convicted of any violation of any provision of this Act is 3 prohibited for a period of 3 three years from the date of such 4 5 conviction from lobbying, except as provided in subsection 6 (b-5).
- 7 (b-5) Any person who is convicted of any felony relating to, arising out of, or in connection with any activity 8 9 regulated by this Act is prohibited for a period of 5 years 10 from the date of such conviction from lobbying as a registered 11 lobbyist under this Act.
- (c) There is created in the State treasury a special fund to be known as the Lobbyist Registration Administration Fund. All fines collected in the enforcement of this Section shall be deposited into the Fund. These funds shall, subject to 16 appropriation, be used by the Office of the Secretary of State 17 for implementation and administration of this Act.
- (Source: P.A. 100-554, eff. 11-16-17.) 18
- 19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon 20 becoming law.