



98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB2963

by Rep. Scott Drury

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

5 ILCS 420/1-109 from Ch. 127, par. 601-109
5 ILCS 420/2-101 from Ch. 127, par. 602-101

Amends the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Redefines "lobbying" to include any communication with an official of the executive or legislative branch of any body of government within this State, including, but not limited to, the General Assembly and any unit of local government, for the ultimate purpose of influencing, as that term is defined in the Lobbyist Registration Act, any executive, legislative, or administrative action. Provides that no legislator may engage in lobbying other than in the course of his or her official duties. Increase penalties. Limits home rule powers.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

HOME RULE NOTE
ACT MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Governmental Ethics Act is amended
5 by changing Sections 1-109 and 2-101 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 420/1-109) (from Ch. 127, par. 601-109)

7 Sec. 1-109. "Lobby" and "lobbying" mean any communication
8 with an official of the executive or legislative branch of any
9 body of government within this State, including, but not
10 limited to, the General Assembly and any unit of local
11 government, for the ultimate purpose of influencing, as that
12 term is defined in the Lobbyist Registration Act, any
13 executive, legislative, or administrative action ~~"Lobbying"~~
14 ~~means promoting or opposing in any manner the passage by the~~
15 ~~General Assembly of any legislative matter affecting the~~
16 ~~interests of any individual, association or corporation as~~
17 ~~distinct from those of the people of the State as a whole.~~

18 (Source: Laws 1967, p. 3401.)

19 (5 ILCS 420/2-101) (from Ch. 127, par. 602-101)

20 Sec. 2-101. Legislator lobbying.

21 (a) Beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act
22 of the 98th General Assembly, no ~~no~~ legislator may engage in

1 lobbying, as that term is defined in Section 1-109, other than
2 in the course of his or her official duties. ~~if he accepts~~
3 ~~compensation specifically attributable to such lobbying, other~~
4 ~~than that provided by law for members of the General Assembly.~~
5 ~~Nothing in this Section prohibits a legislator from lobbying~~
6 ~~without compensation.~~

7 (b) A home rule unit may not regulate lobbying by
8 legislators in a manner less restrictive than the regulation by
9 the State of legislator lobbying under this Section. This
10 Section is a limitation under subsection (i) of Section 6 of
11 Article VII of the Illinois Constitution on the concurrent
12 exercise by home rule units of powers and functions exercised
13 by the State.

14 (c) A violation of this Section shall constitute a Class A
15 misdemeanor. Any person found guilty of violating this Section
16 shall pay a fine of 5 times the total value of all compensation
17 received in violation of this Section.

18 (Source: P.A. 77-2830.)