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M. E. MILLER, JR., JANUARY 20, 1975

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 20, 1975

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of September 30, 1961 (P.L.1778, No.712),  
2 entitled "An act requiring persons employed or engaged for  
3 compensation to advocate the passage or defeat of legislation  
4 to submit registration statements, and imposing a penalty,"  
5 revising the laws relating to lobbying and imposing  
6 penalties.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. The title and sections 1, 3 and 7, act of  
10 September 30, 1961 (P.L.1778, No.712), known as the "Lobbying  
11 Registration Act," are amended to read:

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13 [Requiring persons employed or engaged for compensation to  
14 advocate the passage or defeat of legislation to submit  
15 registration statements, and imposing a penalty.] Regulating  
16 the practice of lobbying, and providing penalties.

17 Section 1. Short Title.--This act shall be known and may be

1 cited as the "Lobbying [Registration] Regulation Act."

2 Section 3. Registration of Lobbyists Required.--(a) Every  
3 lobbyist before advocating the passage or defeat of any  
4 legislation shall submit to the Chief Clerk of the House of  
5 Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate a registration  
6 statement made under oath or affirmation before an officer  
7 authorized by law to administer oaths, setting forth the name  
8 and business address of the lobbyist, the name and address of  
9 the person, partnership, committee, association, corporation or  
10 other organization by whom he is employed or engaged, the name  
11 and address of the person, partnership, committee, association,  
12 corporation or other organization in whose interest he will  
13 advocate the passage or defeat of legislation, and the duration  
14 of his employment.

15 (b) No person, partnership, committee, association,  
16 corporation or any other organization shall authorize or permit  
17 any lobbyist employed by him to practice lobbying until such  
18 lobbyist is duly registered in accordance with the requirements  
19 of this section.

20 Section 7. [Penalty.--Any person violating any of the  
21 provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and  
22 upon conviction, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding  
23 five hundred dollars (\$500) or to undergo imprisonment not  
24 exceeding one year, or both.] Filing of Statement of Expenses  
25 and Obligations, Required.--(a) Every lobbyist required to  
26 register in accordance with the provisions of section 3 shall,  
27 within fifteen days after the end of each quarter of the  
28 calendar year of any regular or special session of the  
29 Legislature, file with the Chief Clerk of the House of  
30 Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate, a sworn

1 statement of expenses made and obligations incurred by him or  
2 any agent in connection with or relative to his activities as  
3 such lobbyist for the preceding quarter of the calendar year or  
4 fraction thereof.

5 (b) On or before February 1 of each year every person,  
6 partnership, committee, association, corporation or any other  
7 organization employing or engaging one or more persons to act as  
8 a lobbyist within the meaning of this act shall file with the  
9 Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of  
10 the Senate, a complete and detailed statement verified under  
11 oath by the person making the same, or in the case of a  
12 corporation by its president or treasurer, of all expenses paid  
13 and obligations incurred by such principal in connection with  
14 the employment of lobbyists or in connection with promoting or  
15 opposing in any manner the passage by the General Assembly of  
16 any legislation.

17 (c) The accounts required by subsections (a) and (b) of this  
18 section shall be rendered in such form as prescribed jointly by  
19 the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives and the  
20 Secretary of the Senate, and shall be open to public inspection.

21 Section 2. The act is amended by adding sections to read:

22 Section 7.1. Penalty.--Any person violating any of the  
23 provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and,  
24 upon conviction, shall be disqualified to act as a lobbyist for  
25 a period of three years from the date of conviction and shall be  
26 sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars  
27 (\$1,000) or to undergo imprisonment not exceeding one year, or  
28 both. Any association or corporation violating any of the  
29 provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and,  
30 upon conviction, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding

1 one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

2 Section 7.2. Contingent Compensation Forbidden.--No person,  
3 partnership, committee, association, corporation or any other  
4 organization shall retain or employ any person to advocate the  
5 passage or defeat of any legislation for compensation contingent  
6 in whole or in part upon the passage or defeat of any such  
7 legislation, and no person shall accept any such employment for  
8 compensation contingent upon such passage or defeat.

9 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.