



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

2009-10 Legislative Session

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL: 1434

PRINTER'S NO: 1764

PRIME SPONSOR: Cutler

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2009/10	FY 2010/11
Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):		
General Fund	\$0	\$0

OVERVIEW:

House Bill 1434 amends Title 65 (Public Officers) further providing for prohibited activities and for penalties for lobbying. The bill increases fine amounts and the degree of the offense.

The bill takes effect immediately upon enactment.

ANALYSIS:

The bill has no known fiscal year costs. There may be potential legal and enforcement activities which at this time are not quantifiable. However, this legislation increases administrative penalty and fine when a lobbyist or principal has committed an unlawful act under the law. The higher increases should offset any State Department, Attorney General, and court costs.

- The maximum fine will be \$10,000. Current limit is \$2,000. This bill will increase the maximum fine by 400% or \$8,000.
- The maximum administrative penalty will be \$250 per late day for negligent failure to report under the lobbying disclosure law. Current limit is \$50 per late day. This bill will increase the maximum fine by 400% or \$200 per late day.

The bill also increase the time period that the State Ethics Commission can bar a person from lobbying after an intentional violation. The period is increased from 5 to 10 years. The bill finally, increase the fine a court can levy for an intentional violation. The increase is from \$25,000 to \$100,000.

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