

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 744

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 3, by inserting after "providing"
2 for registration, for reporting,
3 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 7 through 9, by striking out all of
4 said lines and inserting

5 Section 1. Sections 13A04(a), (d) and (e)(1), 13A05(a), (b)
6 (4), (6) and (8) and (d), 13A07(f)(2), 13A09(c)(1) and (e) and
7 13A10(c) of Title 65 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes
8 are amended to read:
9 § 13A04. Registration.

10 (a) General rule.--Unless excluded under section 13A06
11 (relating to exemption from registration and reporting), a
12 lobbyist, lobbying firm or a principal must register with the
13 department electronically using the computerized filing system
14 developed by the department that is consistent with the purposes
15 of this chapter within ten days of acting in any capacity as a
16 lobbyist, lobbying firm or principal. Registration shall be
17 biennial and shall begin January 1, 2007.

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19 (d) Amendments.--

20 (1) If there is a change of information required for the
21 registration statement under subsection (b)(1) or (2) or (c),
22 an amended registration statement shall be filed with the
23 department electronically using the computerized filing
24 system developed by the department that is consistent with
25 the purpose of this chapter within 14 days after the change
26 occurs.

27 (2) When there is a change in information required for
28 the registration statement under subsection (b)(3), an
29 amended registration statement shall be filed with the
30 department electronically using the computerized filing
31 system developed by the department that is consistent with
32 the purpose of this chapter within 14 days of the end of the
33 year in which the change occurs.

34 (e) Termination.--

35 (1) A lobbyist, lobbying firm or principal may terminate
36 registration by filing notice of termination with the
37 department electronically using the computerized filing

1 system developed by the department that is consistent with
2 the purpose of this chapter.

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4 § 13A05. Reporting.

5 (a) General rule.--A registered principal shall, under oath
6 or affirmation, file quarterly expense reports with the
7 department electronically using the computerized filing system
8 developed by the department that is consistent with the purpose
9 of this chapter no later than 30 days after the last day of the
10 quarter.

11 (b) Content.--

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13 (4) A lobbying firm or a lobbyist not associated with a
14 lobbying firm shall sign the reports electronically submitted
15 by each principal for whom the lobbying firm or lobbyist is
16 registered to attest to the validity and accuracy to the best
17 of the attestor's knowledge. A lobbying firm or lobbyist may
18 attach a statement to the electronic report of a principal,
19 describing the limits of the knowledge of the lobbying firm
20 or lobbyist concerning the information contained in the
21 expense report.

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23 (6) A lobbying firm or a lobbyist not associated with a
24 lobbying firm shall submit an expense report electronically
25 using the computerized filing system developed by the
26 department that is consistent with the purpose of this
27 chapter if during the reporting period the lobbying firm or
28 lobbyist engaged in lobbying which was not contained in any
29 expense report filed by a principal or principals
30 represented.

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32 (8) A lobbying firm or a lobbyist not associated with a
33 lobbying firm shall submit a report electronically using the
34 computerized filing system developed by the department that
35 is consistent with the purpose of this chapter if the
36 lobbying firm or lobbyist engaged in lobbying on behalf of
37 any entity that is exempt under section 13A06(7), (8), (9) or
38 (10) (relating to exemption from registration and reporting).

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40 (d) Thresholds for reporting.--An expense report required
41 under this section shall be filed electronically using the
42 computerized filing system developed by the department that is
43 consistent with the purpose of this chapter when total expenses
44 for lobbying exceed \$2,500 for a registered principal in a
45 reporting period. In a reporting period in which total expenses
46 are \$2,500 or less, a statement to that effect shall be filed
47 electronically using the computerized filing system developed by
48 the department that is consistent with the purpose of this
49 chapter.

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1 Amend Bill, page 3, line 28, by inserting after "filing."

2 The department shall post all filings on its publicly
3 accessible Internet website within seven days of receipt
4 of the filing.

5 Amend Bill, page 3, line 30, by striking out "immediately."

6 and inserting

7 as follows:

8 (1) The amendment of 65 Pa.C.S. §§ 13A04(a), (d) and
9 (e) (1) and 13A05(a), (b) (4), (6) and (8) and (d) shall take
10 effect January 1, 2014.

11 (2) The remainder of this act shall take effect
12 immediately.