

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1605

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 3, by inserting after "for"
2 registration, for reporting, providing for referral reporting,
3 further providing for exemption from registration and
4 reporting, for

5 Amend Bill, page 1, line 3, by inserting after "activities"
6 , for administration and for penalties

7 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 6 through 13, by striking out all
8 of said lines and inserting

9 Section 1. Section 13A04(e)(4) of Title 65 of the
10 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:
11 § 13A04. Registration.

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13 (e) Termination.--

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15 (4) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to
16 exempt a lobbyist, lobbying firm or principal from any of the
17 requirements in section 13A05 (relating to expense
18 reporting).

19 Section 2. The section heading of section 13A05 of Title 65
20 is amended to read:

21 § 13A05. [Reporting] Expense reporting.

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23 Section 3. Title 65 is amended by adding a section to read:
24 § 13A05.2. Referral reporting.

25 Each lobbyist, lobbying firm or principal shall, subject to
26 the penalties under section 13A09 (relating to penalties), file
27 a referral report with the department no later than five days
28 after the lobbyist has paid or received economic consideration
29 for the referral of a client for lobbying. Referral reports
30 shall be filed using the computerized filing system developed by
31 the department that is consistent with the purpose of this
32 chapter.

33 Section 4. The introductory paragraph of section 13A06 of
34 Title 65 is amended to read:

35 § 13A06. Exemption from registration and reporting.

1 The following persons and activities shall be exempt from
2 registration under section 13A04 (relating to registration) and
3 reporting under section 13A05 (relating to expense reporting):

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5 Section 5. Sections 13A07(d) (5), 13A08(c) and (j) and 13A09
6 (g) (2) of Title 65 are amended to read:

7 § 13A07. Prohibited activities.

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9 (d) Conflicts of interest.--

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11 (5) A principal or lobbyist required to report under
12 section 13A05 (relating to expense reporting) shall include
13 in the report a statement affirming that to the best of the
14 principal's or lobbyist's knowledge the principal or lobbyist
15 has complied with this section.

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17 § 13A08. Administration.

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19 (c) Public inspection and copying.--The department shall
20 make completed registration statements, expense reports,
21 conflict reports, referral reports and notices of termination,
22 which have been filed with the department, available for public
23 inspection and provide copies of these documents at a price not
24 in excess of the actual cost of copying. The department shall
25 make all registrations and reports available on a publicly
26 accessible Internet website. Documents maintained and
27 reproducible in an electronic format shall be provided in that
28 format upon request.

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30 (j) Inflation adjustment.--On a biennial basis commencing in
31 January 2009, the department shall review the threshold under
32 section 13A06 (relating to exemption from registration and
33 reporting) for registration under section 13A04 (relating to
34 registration) and the threshold for reporting under section
35 13A05(d) (relating to expense reporting) and shall increase
36 these amounts to rates deemed reasonable for assuring
37 appropriate disclosure. On a biennial basis commencing in
38 January 2009, the department shall review the filing fee
39 established under section 13A10 (relating to registration fees;
40 fund established; system; regulations) and may by regulation
41 adjust this amount if the department determines that a higher
42 fee is needed to cover the costs of carrying out the provisions
43 of this chapter. The department shall publish adjusted amounts
44 in the Pennsylvania Bulletin by June 1, 2009, and by June 1
45 every two years thereafter as necessary.

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47 § 13A09. Penalties.

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49 (g) Affirmative defense.--Any of the following is an
50 affirmative defense to an action brought under Chapter 11
51 (relating to ethics standards and financial disclosure) or this

1 chapter:

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3 (2) The respondent or defendant relied on notice under
4 section 13A05(b)(3)(iv) (relating to expense reporting).

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6 Amend Bill, page 1, line 14, by striking out "2" and

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9 Amend Bill, page 1, line 14, by striking out "60" and

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