

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 308 Session of
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JANUARY 25, 2013

SENATOR CORMAN, APPROPRIATIONS, RE-REPORTED AS AMENDED,
APRIL 15, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in lobbying disclosure, further
3 providing for REGISTRATION, FOR REPORTING AND FOR <--
4 registration fees, fund established, system and regulations.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 ~~Section 1. Section 13A10(c) of Title 65 of the Pennsylvania~~ <--
8 ~~Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:~~

9 SECTION 1. SECTIONS 13A04(A), (D) AND (E)(1), 13A05(A), (B) <--
10 (4), (6) AND (8) AND (D) AND 13A10(C) OF TITLE 65 OF THE
11 PENNSYLVANIA CONSOLIDATED STATUTES ARE AMENDED TO READ:

12 § 13A04. REGISTRATION.

13 (A) GENERAL RULE.--UNLESS EXCLUDED UNDER SECTION 13A06
14 (RELATING TO EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION AND REPORTING), A
15 LOBBYIST, LOBBYING FIRM OR A PRINCIPAL MUST REGISTER WITH THE
16 DEPARTMENT ELECTRONICALLY USING THE COMPUTERIZED FILING SYSTEM

1 DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSES
2 OF THIS CHAPTER WITHIN TEN DAYS OF ACTING IN ANY CAPACITY AS A
3 LOBBYIST, LOBBYING FIRM OR PRINCIPAL. REGISTRATION SHALL BE
4 BIENNIAL AND SHALL BEGIN JANUARY 1, 2007.

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6 (D) AMENDMENTS.--

7 (1) IF THERE IS A CHANGE OF INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR THE
8 REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER SUBSECTION (B) (1) OR (2) OR (C),
9 AN AMENDED REGISTRATION STATEMENT SHALL BE FILED WITH THE
10 DEPARTMENT ELECTRONICALLY USING THE COMPUTERIZED FILING
11 SYSTEM DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH
12 THE PURPOSE OF THIS CHAPTER WITHIN 14 DAYS AFTER THE CHANGE
13 OCCURS.

14 (2) WHEN THERE IS A CHANGE IN INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR
15 THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER SUBSECTION (B) (3), AN
16 AMENDED REGISTRATION STATEMENT SHALL BE FILED WITH THE
17 DEPARTMENT ELECTRONICALLY USING THE COMPUTERIZED FILING
18 SYSTEM DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH
19 THE PURPOSE OF THIS CHAPTER WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE END OF THE
20 YEAR IN WHICH THE CHANGE OCCURS.

21 (E) TERMINATION.--

22 (1) A LOBBYIST, LOBBYING FIRM OR PRINCIPAL MAY TERMINATE
23 REGISTRATION BY FILING NOTICE OF TERMINATION WITH THE
24 DEPARTMENT ELECTRONICALLY USING THE COMPUTERIZED FILING
25 SYSTEM DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH
26 THE PURPOSE OF THIS CHAPTER.

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28 § 13A05. REPORTING.

29 (A) GENERAL RULE.--A REGISTERED PRINCIPAL SHALL, UNDER OATH
30 OR AFFIRMATION, FILE QUARTERLY EXPENSE REPORTS WITH THE

1 DEPARTMENT ELECTRONICALLY USING THE COMPUTERIZED FILING SYSTEM
2 DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSE
3 OF THIS CHAPTER NO LATER THAN 30 DAYS AFTER THE LAST DAY OF THE
4 QUARTER.

5 (B) CONTENT.--

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7 (4) A LOBBYING FIRM OR A LOBBYIST NOT ASSOCIATED WITH A
8 LOBBYING FIRM SHALL SIGN THE REPORTS ELECTRONICALLY SUBMITTED
9 BY EACH PRINCIPAL FOR WHOM THE LOBBYING FIRM OR LOBBYIST IS
10 REGISTERED TO ATTEST TO THE VALIDITY AND ACCURACY TO THE BEST
11 OF THE ATTESTOR'S KNOWLEDGE. A LOBBYING FIRM OR LOBBYIST MAY
12 ATTACH A STATEMENT TO THE ELECTRONIC REPORT OF A PRINCIPAL,
13 DESCRIBING THE LIMITS OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE LOBBYING FIRM
14 OR LOBBYIST CONCERNING THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE
15 EXPENSE REPORT.

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17 (6) A LOBBYING FIRM OR A LOBBYIST NOT ASSOCIATED WITH A
18 LOBBYING FIRM SHALL SUBMIT AN EXPENSE REPORT ELECTRONICALLY
19 USING THE COMPUTERIZED FILING SYSTEM DEVELOPED BY THE
20 DEPARTMENT THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSE OF THIS
21 CHAPTER IF DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD THE LOBBYING FIRM OR
22 LOBBYIST ENGAGED IN LOBBYING WHICH WAS NOT CONTAINED IN ANY
23 EXPENSE REPORT FILED BY A PRINCIPAL OR PRINCIPALS
24 REPRESENTED.

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26 (8) A LOBBYING FIRM OR A LOBBYIST NOT ASSOCIATED WITH A
27 LOBBYING FIRM SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT ELECTRONICALLY USING THE
28 COMPUTERIZED FILING SYSTEM DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT THAT
29 IS CONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSE OF THIS CHAPTER IF THE
30 LOBBYING FIRM OR LOBBYIST ENGAGED IN LOBBYING ON BEHALF OF

ANY ENTITY THAT IS EXEMPT UNDER SECTION 13A06(7), (8), (9) OR
(10) (RELATING TO EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION AND REPORTING).

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(D) THRESHOLDS FOR REPORTING.--AN EXPENSE REPORT REQUIRED
UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE FILED ELECTRONICALLY USING THE
COMPUTERIZED FILING SYSTEM DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT THAT IS
CONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSE OF THIS CHAPTER WHEN TOTAL EXPENSES
FOR LOBBYING EXCEED \$2,500 FOR A REGISTERED PRINCIPAL IN A
REPORTING PERIOD. IN A REPORTING PERIOD IN WHICH TOTAL EXPENSES
ARE \$2,500 OR LESS, A STATEMENT TO THAT EFFECT SHALL BE FILED
ELECTRONICALLY USING THE COMPUTERIZED FILING SYSTEM DEVELOPED BY
THE DEPARTMENT THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSE OF THIS
CHAPTER.

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§ 13A10. Registration fees; fund established; system;
regulations.

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(c) Computerized filing system.--The department shall
implement a fully accessible system to accommodate the use of
computerized filing. Each registrant shall elect on an annual
basis whether the registrant will file all of the documents
required by this chapter either electronically or on paper with
the department. The department shall post all filings on its
publicly accessible Internet website within seven days of
receipt of the filing.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect ~~immediately~~. AS
FOLLOWS:

(1) THE AMENDMENT OF 65 PA.C.S. §§ 13A04(A), (D) AND
(E) (1) AND 13A05(A), (B) (4), (6) AND (8) AND (D) SHALL TAKE

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1 EFFECT JANUARY 1, 2014.

2 (2) THE REMAINDER OF THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT
3 IMMEDIATELY.