
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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ALLOWAY, STEFANO, WARD AND BREWSTER, APRIL 19, 2016

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 19, 2016

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in lobbying disclosure, further
3 providing for administration.

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

6 Section 1. Section 13A08(f) of Title 65 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 13A08. Administration.

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10 (f) Audits.--The following shall apply:

11 (1) Every two years the Secretary of the Commonwealth
12 shall contract for the services of one or more certified
13 public accountants or certified public accounting firms. The
14 contract shall be awarded in a manner consistent with the
15 provisions of 62 Pa.C.S. Pt. I (relating to Commonwealth
16 Procurement Code), and no certified public accountant or
17 certified public accounting firm shall be eligible to obtain
18 a contract for two successive contract periods.

1 (2) The secretary shall randomly select, at a public
2 drawing 60 days following the close of each fourth quarter
3 reporting period, 3% of all completed registrations and
4 expense reports filed with the department under this chapter.

5 (3) The certified public accountant shall conduct the
6 audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing
7 standards and shall test as to whether each registration or
8 expense report is materially correct.

9 (3.1) Prior to completion of an audit report and
10 findings, the registrant who is the subject of the audit
11 shall be provided a period of 30 days to submit a written
12 response to any proposed or preliminary findings from the
13 audit. The response shall be included in the final audit
14 report and findings.

15 (3.2) Within 30 days of completion, the final audit
16 report and findings shall be made available on the
17 department's publicly accessible Internet website.

18 (4) [The audit report and findings shall be
19 confidential, except that the department shall make an audit
20 report and findings available to the commission if] If the
21 commission is investigating an alleged violation of this
22 chapter involving the audited registration or expense
23 report[. The], the commission shall include the relevant
24 portion of an audit as part of its findings of fact in a
25 commission order which results from an investigation arising
26 out of an audit.

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28 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.