

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 308

PRINTER'S NO. 922

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

January 25, 2013

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Scarnati

HISTORY OF BILL

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Second consideration, March 20, 2013
Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, March 20, 2013
Re-reported as amended, April 15, 2013

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

Senate Bill 308 amends Title 65 (Public Officers) to require the Department of State to post on its Lobbying Disclosure website all lobbying registration and reporting documents it receives within seven (7) days of the filing.

Requires all lobbyist registrations, amendments to registrations, terminations, expense reports, and affirmations to be filed electronically.

As amended, the electronic filing requirements take effect January 1, 2014. The remainder of the bill takes effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Department of State will be able to meet the seven-day website posting requirement with no additional costs incurred because of the administrative efficiencies which will result from the implementation of the electronic registration and reporting requirements in Amendment A00836. The Department's computerized filing system will have the capacity to accommodate the increased transactions and storage requirements, without additional costs being incurred. The Department might experience some savings due to the decreased storage requirements for paper copies of these records.