

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in lobbying disclosure, further
3 providing for prohibited activities, for penalties and for
4 registration filing system.

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

7 Section 1. Sections 13A07(f)(2), 13A09(c)(1) and (e) and
8 13A10(c) of Title 65 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes
9 are amended to read:

10 § 13A07. Prohibited activities.

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12 (f) Unlawful acts.--

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14 (2) The commission may receive complaints regarding
15 violations of this subsection. If the commission determines a
16 violation of this subsection has occurred, the commission,
17 after investigation, notice and hearing:

18 (i) shall impose an administrative penalty in an

1 amount not to exceed [\$2,000] \$10,000; and

2 (ii) may prohibit a lobbyist from lobbying for
3 economic consideration for up to [five] ten years.

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5 § 13A09. Penalties.

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7 (c) Negligent failure to register or report.--

8 (1) Negligent failure to register or report as required
9 by this chapter is punishable by an administrative penalty
10 not exceeding [\$50 for each late day.] the following:

11 (i) For the first ten late days, \$50 for each late
12 day.

13 (ii) For each late day after the first ten late
14 days, \$250 for each late day.

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16 (e) Intentional violations.--

17 (1) A person that intentionally fails to register or
18 report as required by this chapter commits a misdemeanor of
19 the [second] first degree.

20 (2) A registrant who files a report under this chapter
21 with knowledge that the report contains a false statement or
22 is incomplete commits a misdemeanor of the [second] first
23 degree.

24 (3) Except as set forth in paragraph (1) or (2), a
25 person that intentionally violates this chapter commits a
26 misdemeanor of the [third] second degree. In addition to any
27 other penalties imposed under this chapter, the court may
28 impose a fine not to exceed [\$25,000] \$100,000 against a
29 principal who is found guilty under this paragraph.

30 (4) In addition to any criminal penalties imposed under

1 this chapter, the commission may prohibit a person from
2 lobbying for economic consideration for up to [five] ten
3 years for conduct which constitutes an offense under this
4 subsection. Criminal prosecution or conviction is not
5 required for the imposition of the prohibition authorized by
6 this paragraph. The commission shall not impose the
7 prohibition under this paragraph unless the person has been
8 afforded the opportunity for a hearing, which shall be
9 conducted by the commission in accordance with sections
10 1107(14) and 1108(e).

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12 § 13A10. Registration fees; fund established; system;
13 regulations.

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15 (c) Computerized filing system.--

16 (1) The department shall implement a fully accessible
17 system to accommodate the use of computerized filing. [Each
18 registrant shall elect on an annual basis whether the
19 registrant will file all of the documents required by this
20 chapter either electronically or on paper with the
21 department.] At the time of filing a document required under
22 this chapter, a registrant may elect to file the document
23 electronically or on paper with the department.

24 (2) If a document is filed electronically, the
25 department shall issue to the registrant an electronic
26 receipt which includes a confirmation number and the date and
27 time of filing. The registrant may rely on the electronic
28 receipt as proof of the time of filing.

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30 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.