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1985

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 20, 1985

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of October 4, 1978 (P.L.883, No.170), entitled
2 "An act relating to conflicts of interest involving certain
3 public officials serving in State or State agencies and local
4 political subdivision positions and prohibiting certain
5 public employees from engaging in certain conflict of
6 interest activities requiring certain disclosures and
7 providing penalties," further providing for duties of the
8 commission relating to lobbyists.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. The act of October 4, 1978 (P.L.883, No.170),
12 referred to as the Public Official and Employee Ethics Law, is
13 amended by adding sections to read:

14 Section 7.1. Duties relating to lobbyist registration and
15 regulation.

16 In addition to the duties provided for in this act, the
17 commission shall also administer the act of September 30, 1961
18 (P.L.1778, No.712), known as the "Lobbying Registration and
19 Regulation Act," and shall have all of the powers and duties
20 enumerated in sections 7 and 8 of that act.

1 Section 7.2. Independent Audit.

2 (a) Every year, the commission shall contract for the
3 services of a certified public accounting firm. Such contract
4 shall be awarded on a bid basis and no certified public
5 accounting firm shall be eligible to obtain such a contract for
6 two successive contract periods.

7 (b) The commission shall select by lottery, at a public
8 drawing held on or before the last day of January, 3% of all of
9 the lobbying registration statements filed with the commissioner
10 the previous year.

11 (c) The accountants shall conduct their audit in accord with
12 generally accepted accounting principles and shall make findings
13 of any possible violations of the act of September 30, 1961
14 (P.L.1778, No.712), known as the "Lobbying Registration and
15 Regulation Act." All audited lobbyists shall furnish any records
16 to the accountants which the accountants deem necessary for the
17 completion of their work.

18 (d) The accountants shall report their findings to the
19 commission which shall make public the report.

20 (e) The accountants shall also furnish a report of their
21 findings to the Attorney General for the institution of such
22 criminal proceedings as he may deem necessary.

23 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 1986.