

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

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 fees, fund established, system and regulations.

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 13A10(c) of
8 Title 65 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended
9 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] \$4,000; and

2 (ii) may prohibit a lobbyist from lobbying for
3 economic consideration for up to five 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 10 late days, \$50 for each late
12 day.

13 (ii) For each late day after the first 10 late days
14 THROUGH THE 20TH LATE DAY, \$100 for each late day. <--

15 (iii) For each late day after the first 20 late
16 days, \$200 for each late day.

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18 § 13A10. Registration fees; fund established; system;

19 regulations.

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21 (c) Computerized filing system.--The following apply:

22 (1) The department shall implement a fully accessible
23 system to accommodate the use of computerized filing. Each
24 registrant shall elect on an annual basis whether the
25 registrant will file all of the documents required by this
26 chapter either electronically or on paper with the
27 department.

28 (2) The department shall post all filings on its
29 publicly accessible Internet website within seven days of
30 receipt of the filing.

1 (3) If a document is filed electronically, the
2 department shall issue an electronic receipt to the
3 registrant that includes a confirmation number and date. The
4 registrant may rely on the receipt as proof of the time of
5 filing.

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7 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.