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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in lobbying disclosure, further  
3 providing for statement of intent and jurisdiction, for  
4 definitions and for prohibited activities.

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

7 Section 1. Section 13A02(a) of Title 65 of the Pennsylvania  
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 13A02. Statement of intent and jurisdiction.

10 (a) Intent.--The Constitution of Pennsylvania recognizes  
11 that all free governments are founded upon the authority of the  
12 people. It further provides that the power to make law in this  
13 Commonwealth is vested in the General Assembly, and the power to  
14 enforce law is vested in the Executive Department. The  
15 Constitution also guarantees the people the right to petition  
16 those invested with the powers of government for redress of  
17 grievances. The ability of the people to exercise their  
18 fundamental authority and to have confidence in the integrity of

1 the processes by which laws are made and enforced in this  
2 Commonwealth demands that the identity and scope of activity of  
3 those who are paid to influence the actions of the General  
4 Assembly and the Executive Department be publicly and regularly  
5 regulated and disclosed.

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7 Section 2. Section 13A03 of Title 65 is amended by adding a  
8 definition to read:

9 § 13A03. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter  
11 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
12 context clearly indicates otherwise:

13 \* \* \*

14 "Campaign consultant." A person that receives compensation  
15 for campaign-related professional services rendered to a  
16 campaign to elect an individual to public office.

17 \* \* \*

18 Section 3. Section 13A07(f)(1) of Title 65 is amended by  
19 adding subparagraphs to read:

20 § 13A07. Prohibited activities.

21 \* \* \*

22 (f) Unlawful acts.--

23 (1) A lobbyist or principal may not:

24 \* \* \*

25 (xi) Be a campaign consultant or have a pecuniary  
26 interest in a campaign consultant.

27 (xii) Receive anything of value from a campaign  
28 consultant for services rendered to a campaign to elect  
29 an individual to public office.

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1 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.