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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 5, 2019

AN ACT

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

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

7 Section 1. Section 13A04(a) of Title 65 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes, amended February 14, 2018 (P.L.2, No.2),
9 is amended and the section is amended by adding a subsection to
10 read:

11 § 13A04. Registration.

12 (a) General rule.--Unless excluded under section 13A06
13 (relating to exemption from registration and reporting), and
14 subject to the requirements under subsection (f), a lobbyist,
15 lobbying firm or a principal must register with the department
16 electronically using the computerized filing system developed by
17 the department that is consistent with the purposes of this
18 chapter within ten days of acting in any capacity as a lobbyist,
19 lobbying firm or principal. Registration shall be biennial and

1 shall begin January 1, 2007.

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3 (f) Training.--

4 (1) An individual who is a lobbyist and an individual
5 named on a principal's or lobbying firm's registration
6 statement under subsection (b)(1)(vii) must complete
7 training developed or approved by the department that
8 addresses the restricted activities under section 1103(b)
9 (relating to restricted activities), the prohibited
10 activities under section 13A07 (relating to prohibited
11 activities) and the prevention of discrimination and
12 harassment, including sexual harassment.

13 (2) The department shall prescribe evidentiary
14 documentation proving completion of the training required
15 under paragraph (1), which must be submitted to the
16 department within 30 days of the filing of the initial
17 registration statement and at the time of filing a renewal
18 registration statement.

19 (3) A lobbyist or lobbying firm may submit a request for
20 approval by the department of training that meets the
21 requirements of paragraph (1). If the department does not
22 issue a response within 15 days of receipt of the request for
23 approval, the request shall be deemed denied. The request for
24 approval does not toll the time for submittal of
25 documentation evidencing completion of training under
26 paragraph (2).

27 Section 2. Section 13A07(f)(1) of Title 65 is amended by
28 adding a subparagraph to read:

29 § 13A07. Prohibited activities.

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1 (f) Unlawful acts.--

2 (1) A lobbyist or principal may not:

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4 (xi) Engage in discriminatory or harassing practices
5 prohibited by law.

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7 Section 3. Section 13A09(a)(1) and (2) and (b)(1) of Title
8 65 are amended and subsection (b) is amended by adding a
9 paragraph to read:

10 § 13A09. Penalties.

11 (a) Notice of alleged noncompliance.--

12 (1) The commission shall issue a notice of alleged
13 noncompliance to a person that has failed to register [or],
14 report or complete training as required by this chapter.

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16 (2) The notice shall state:

17 (i) the nature of the alleged noncompliance; and

18 (ii) the administrative and criminal penalties for:

19 (A) failure to register;

20 (B) failure to file; [or]

21 (C) filing a report which contains a false
22 statement or which is incomplete[.]; or

23 (D) failure to complete the training or submit
24 the documentation required under section 13A04(f)
25 (relating to registration).

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27 (b) Hearing.--

28 (1) If a hearing is requested, the commission shall
29 determine at the hearing:

30 (i) whether the recipient of the notice is required

1 to register or report under this chapter;

2 (ii) whether the recipient of the notice is an
3 attorney at law; [and]

4 (iii) whether the failure to register or report was
5 negligent or intentional[.]; and

6 (iv) whether the recipient of, or other individual
7 named in, a notice issued under subsection (a)(2)(ii)(D)
8 failed to complete the training or submit the
9 documentation required under section 13A04(f).

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11 (3.1) If the commission finds that a failure to complete
12 the training or submit the documentation required under
13 section 13A04(f) occurred, the commission shall determine the
14 amount of the administrative penalty to be imposed. The
15 administrative penalty shall not exceed \$1,000.

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17 Section 4. The requirements of 65 Pa.C.S. § 13A04(f)(1)
18 shall apply to an initial or biennial registration after the
19 effective date of this section.

20 Section 5. This act shall take effect in 90 days.