
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SCHWANK, STEFANO AND L. WILLIAMS, OCTOBER 13, 2021

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, OCTOBER 13, 2021

AN ACT

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

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

6 Section 1. Section 13A03 of Title 65 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a definition to read:
8 § 13A03. Definitions.

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

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13 "Political consultant." Any entity or person providing
14 political consulting services.

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16 Section 2. Section 13A07 of Title 65 is amended by adding
17 subsections to read:

18 § 13A07. Prohibited activities.

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2 (g) Employee of General Assembly or Commonwealth agency.--A
3 lobbyist, lobbying firm or principal may not lobby an individual
4 who is an employee of the General Assembly or an employee of a
5 Commonwealth agency and who was an employee of the same
6 lobbyist, lobbying firm or principal regarding a specific
7 legislative action or administrative action that was pertinent
8 to the individual's employment duties with the lobbyist,
9 lobbying firm or principal, for one year after the date the
10 individual left employment with the lobbyist, lobbying firm or
11 principal. For the purposes of this subsection, "employee of the
12 General Assembly" shall mean employment with any of the
13 following:

14 (1) The office of a member of the General Assembly.

15 (2) A caucus of the General Assembly.

16 (h) Influence.--A Commonwealth entity or agency, including,
17 but not limited to, the General Assembly or a member of the
18 General Assembly, an executive department or agency or a local
19 department or agency of a political subdivision, may not hire a
20 lobbyist, lobbying firm or political consultant to influence the
21 decision-making process of another Commonwealth entity or
22 agency. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to
23 prohibit any member, officer or employee of a Commonwealth
24 entity or agency from being a member of an association. As used
25 in this subsection, the term "political subdivision" means any
26 county, city, borough, incorporated town, township, school
27 district, vocational school or county institution district.

28 (i) Lobbying agreements.--

29 (1) A Commonwealth entity or agency, including, but not
30 limited to, the General Assembly or a member of the General

1 Assembly, the judiciary or an executive department or agency,
2 may not do any of the following:

3 (i) Enter into an agreement or a contract with a
4 person to engage in the practice of lobbying.

5 (ii) Expend money for a person to lobby on behalf of
6 the agency unless the person is an employee of the
7 agency.

8 (iii) Expend money for a registered lobbyist to
9 serve on a board or commission of the Commonwealth entity
10 or agency.

11 (2) This subsection shall not apply to a person who is
12 an employee of the Commonwealth and directly employed by an
13 agency for whom the person acts as a lobbyist or engages in
14 the practice of lobbying as a part of the person's job
15 description.

16 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.