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Fiona Wilmarth  
PA Independent Regulatory  
Review Commission  
333 Market Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

**Re: Proposed DOS Regulation #16-56 (IRRC #3012)**

Dear Mr. Smith and Ms. Wilmarth,

Last June, on behalf of over 150 government relations professionals within our membership and the thousands of issues and interests they represent, PAGR submitted comments directly to the Pennsylvania Department of State (DOS) regarding their proposal to increase the biennial registration fee for individuals and entities required to be registered under Act 134 from \$200 to \$700. Those comments are included for your consideration.

While PAGR appreciates the outreach from the Department of State, their willingness to meet to discuss some of our recommendations, and the fact that they have amended their proposed increase from \$700 to \$400, PAGR continues to oppose this proposed fee increase.

We continue to assert that a 100% increase to the biennial fee will create barriers to transparency; will make compliance with the Lobbyists Disclosure Act more of a burden for smaller entities, particularly nonprofits; and will restrict the voices of Pennsylvanians who may opt not to exercise their abilities to communicate with legislators because fees are beyond their reach.

In our conversations with DOS, the Department cited the increased cost of doing business as one of the reasons for the proposed increase. PAGR members, their registered staff and their principals (all of whom would be subject to this increase) also live with the same limited resources and the same challenges of doing more with less. And it is important to note that PAGR represents not only lobbyists and lobbying firms, but also government relations staff who advocate for small businesses and nonprofits. We believe there is an assumption on the part of DOS that lobbyists can simply pass the increased costs down to their clients, or absorb it within their own infrastructure; this is simply not the case.

DOS also stated that the burden of maintaining the lobbyist registration database and website should not rest solely on the general public and the General Fund. PAGR respectfully disagrees. We support transparency and compliance with the Lobbyist Disclosure Act. However, since the database and website are meant for the public benefit, it is appropriate that taxpayer dollars support it. PAGR reminded DOS that lobbyists are already subject to a tax on lobbying services. When we mentioned this fee to DOS, as well as to the Budget Secretary, they were unable to say what those fees amounted to, or where they were currently directed. PAGR recommends that funds from the lobbying activity fee be earmarked for maintaining the infrastructure needed to support the Lobbyists Disclosure Act.

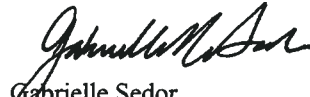
Most importantly, PAGR fears that an increased registration fee will reduce the number of registered lobbyists and, therefore, the transparency the Lobbyists Disclosure Act was intended to provide. Lobbyists whose primary business is not in Pennsylvania who had previously registered in good faith may choose not to do so. Government relations staff who may be close to the \$2500 reporting threshold, may limit their lobbying activity (to the detriment of the issues and causes they hope to advocate for) because their organizations haven't budgeted for the increase. DOS does not deny this possibility, and in fact, assumes fewer lobbyists will register if a \$400 increase

is implemented. PAGR fails to see how this benefits DOS, the lobbying community, or legislators or the general public searching for good information.

For these reasons and those stated in our June 25, 2013 letter, PAGR, the professional association for lobbyists in Pennsylvania, urges the IRRC to reject the proposed DOS regulation #16-56 (IRRC #3012).

Thank you for considering our comments.

Sincerely,



Gabrielle Sedor  
President  
PAGR

Enclosure

cc: Caroline Bailey, Asst. Counsel, DOS  
Senator Lloyd Smucker, Chair, Senate State Government Committee  
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June 25, 2013

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**Re: Proposed Rulemaking 51 Pa Code Chapter 53, Biennial Filing Fee – Published in the June 1, 2013 edition of the *Pennsylvania Bulletin***

Dear Ms. Bailey,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the above-referenced rule which proposes to increase the biennial registration fee for individuals and entities required to be registered under Act 134 of 2006 from \$200 to \$700.

The Pennsylvania Association for Government Relations (PAGR) cannot support this 250% increase which would make Pennsylvania's registration fee among the most expensive in the nation.<sup>1</sup>

PAGR's members include contract lobbyists as well as government relations professionals who support corporations and non-profit entities. Our members agree to a code of conduct which encourages high standards of personal and professional conduct among all lobbyists.

PAGR supports transparency and compliance with the Lobbyist Disclosure Act. However, such a dramatic increase creates a disincentive for citizens to engage in the democratic process with Pennsylvania lawmakers and members of the Administration. We do not believe the Department of State intends to silence organizations or causes who are unable to afford the additional costs of compliance, but this could be the effect of such an increase.

We understand that the Lobbyist Disclosure Act under section 13A08(j) allows the Department to raise the fee to cover the costs of carrying out the act. But we question whether all expenses related to carrying out the act are truly necessary. Are there ways the Department could minimize its own costs and overhead before passing on such a burdensome fee to the regulated community?

Currently, the Department audits registrations and expenses of individual lobbyists, principles and entities, however, there is significant overlap within these activities. PAGR respectfully requests a meeting with the Department of State to discuss ways in which the audit process could be improved, possibly reducing the costs related to carrying out the act.

In closing, PAGR, the professional association for lobbyists in Pennsylvania, asks the Department to reconsider the increase to the biennial registration fee as it will create barriers to transparency; will make compliance with the Lobbyists Disclosure Act more of a burden for smaller entities, particularly nonprofits; and will restrict the voices of Pennsylvanians who may opt not to exercise their abilities to communicate with legislators because fees are beyond their reach.

Thank you for considering our comments and recommendations. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss PAGR's comments further.

Sincerely,

Gabrielle Sedor  
President  
PAGR

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.ncsl.org/legislatures-elections/ethichome/50-state-chart-lobbyist-registration-requirements.aspx>

# NCSL Lobbyist Registration Requirements

As of December 31, 2013

## State, Who Must Register and Required Lobbyist Registration Information

### **Alabama**

#### Lobbyists

(excludes public employees who are lobbyists)

Fee: \$100/year

- Registrant's full name and business address;
- Registrant's normal business and address;
- Full names, addresses of all principals;
- Listing of categories of subject matters on which the registrant is to communicate directly with a member of the legislative body to influence legislation or legislative action;
- Listing of the categories of subject matters on which the registrant is to lobby on;
- If activity is done on behalf of the members of a group other than a corporation, list the number of persons of the group as follows: 1-5; 6-10; 11-25; over 25;
- Statement signed by each principal that he or she has read the registration, knows its contents and has authorized the registrant to be a lobbyist in his or her behalf as specified therein, and that no contingency fees will be paid.

### **Alaska**

#### Lobbyists

Fee: \$100/year

- Full name and complete permanent residence and business address and telephone number, as well as any temporary residential and business address and telephone number in the state capital during a legislative session;
- Full name, address of each person by whom the lobbyist is retained or employed;
- Whether the person from whom the lobbyist receives compensation on employs the person solely as a lobbyist or whether the person is a regular employee performing other services for the employer that include but at not limited to the influencing of legislative or administrative action;
- The nature or form of the lobbyist's compensation for engaging in lobbying including salary, fees, or reimbursement for expenses received in consideration for, or directly in support of or in connection with, the influencing of legislative or administrative action;
- A general description of the subjects or matters on which the registrant expects to lobby or to engage in the influencing of legislative or administrative action;
- Full name and complete address of the person, if other than the registrant, who has custody of the accounts, books, papers, bills, receipts, and other documents required to be maintained under this chapter;

- Identification of a legislator, legislative employee, or public official to whom the lobbyist is married or who is the spousal equivalent of the lobbyist;
- At the option of the registrant, the registration form may be accompanied by four two and one-half inch by two and one-half inch black and white photographs of the lobbyist. These photographs shall not be more than five years old. These photography shall be included in the directory published under (e) of this section.

## **Arizona**

### **Principals, Public Bodies**

Fee: \$25 biennial for principals

#### **Principals:**

- The name and business address of the principal.
- The name and business address of a person who is the designated lobbyist for the principal, regardless of whether such person is engaged to lobby for compensation.
- The name and business address of each lobbyist for compensation or authorized lobbyist employed by, retained by or representing the principal.
- For each lobbyist for compensation, designated lobbyist or authorized lobbyist that is not an individual, the name and business address of all employees of that lobbyist who lobby on the principal's behalf.
- The nature of the primary business or activity, issue, interest or purpose of the principal.
- The duration of the engagement of any lobbyist.
- A description of the expenses for which each lobbyist is to be reimbursed by the principal.
- A listing of the state entities the lobbyist has been engaged or designated to lobby including the legislature and state agencies, boards, commissions or councils.
- A principal shall provide notice to each lobbyist for compensation, authorized lobbyist and designated lobbyist who is named in the principal's registration or reregistration statement. The notice shall state that this listing obligates the lobbyist to register and file all reports required by this article.

#### **Public Bodies**

- The name and business address of the public body.
- The name and business address of a person who is the designated public lobbyist for the public body, regardless of whether this person is paid to lobby.
- The name and business address of each authorized public lobbyist employed by, retained by or representing the public body.
- For each designated public lobbyist or authorized public lobbyist that is not an individual, the name and business address of all employees of such designated public lobbyist or authorized public lobbyist who may lobby on the public body's behalf.
- A description of the expenses for which each designated public lobbyist and authorized public lobbyist is to be reimbursed by the public body.

- A public body shall provide notice to each designated public lobbyist or authorized public lobbyist who is named in the public body's registration or reregistration statement. The notice shall state that the public body has listed the designated public lobbyist or authorized public lobbyist on the public body's registration or reregistration statement and that this listing obligates the designated public lobbyist to register and file all reports required by this article. The notice shall be accompanied by a summary of the lobbyist laws published by the secretary of state, the first page of the public body's registration and the page of the schedule on which the designated or authorized public lobbyist's name appears.

## **Arkansas**

### Lobbyists

No fee in statute

- The name, address, and telephone number of the lobbyist;
- The calendar year for which the lobbyist is registering;
- The name, address, and telephone number of the lobbyist's client or employer;
- A description of the nature of the lobbyist's client or employer; and
- Certification by the lobbyist that the information contained is true and correct.

## **California**

### Lobbyists, Lobbying Firms, Lobbyist Employers

Fee: \$50 per lobbyist

#### Lobbyists:

- Recent photo.
- Name, address, phone.
- Statement that lobbyist has read and understands the prohibitions in Sections 86203 and 86205.
- If the lobbyist filed a certification for the last legislative session, a statement that he or she has taken the ethics course described in subdivision (b) of Section 8956. If the lobbyist did not register last session, this certification can state that the lobbyist will take the course before June 30 of the next year, and it will be accepted conditionally.
- Any other information the commission requires consistent with this chapter.

#### Lobbying Firms:

- Firm's full name, business address, phone.
- List of lobbyists who are partners, owners, officers, or employees of the firm.
- Lobbyist certifications for each lobbyist in the firm.
- Name, business address, phone of each person with whom the lobbying firm contracts to provide lobbying services, as well as:

- A signed, written authorization from each person or entity.
  - The length of the contract.
  - Information to identify the nature and interests of the person or entity. For individuals, name, address of employer or principal place of business, description of the business activity. For business entities, describe the business activity. For associations, describe the industry, trade, or profession they represents, including description of any portion or faction the association represents and, if it has fewer than 50 members, their names. For entities that are not individuals, businesses or associations, state the entity's nature and purposes.
  - The lobbying interests of the person or entity.
  - List of the state agencies whose legislative or administrative actions the lobbying firm will attempt to influence for the person or entity.
- Name, title of person responsible for filing statements, keeping required records.
  - Signed statement that report filer understands the prohibitions in 86203 and 86205.
  - Any other information required by the commission consistent this chapter.

Lobbyist employers: Same as lobbyist firms, except lobbyist employers list the information from the third bullet about themselves, and signed, written authorizations aren't necessary. Neither is the length of the contract.

## **Colorado**

Lobbyists, State Official or State Employee Lobbyists

Fee: \$50/year

Lobbyists:

- Name, business address, business phone.
- Name, address, and telephone number of any person by whom he is employed; any person whom he will be lobbying; of any person by whom the professional lobbyist or firm organized for professional lobbyist is paid or is to be paid for such lobbying.
- Name, business address, phone of all employers, all persons for whom he or she will be lobbying, and all persons who will compensate the filer for lobbying.

State Official or State Employee Lobbyists: (Each department shall designate one person to file this report.)

- Name, department address, phone number of filer.
- Names of all persons in the department who will lobby on its behalf, their title, classification, work address and phone.

## **Connecticut**

Lobbyists who: receive or agree to receive more than \$2,000 a year in compensation or reimbursement for lobbying expenses; or who spend or incur an obligation to spend \$2,000 or more a year for lobbying purposes.

Fee: \$25 biennially

- For individuals: Name, permanent address, temporary address while lobbying. Name, address, nature of business of any person who compensates or reimburses, or agrees to that; terms of the compensation, reimbursement or agreement. Identification of areas of legislative or administrative action on which the registrant expects to lobby.
- For corporations: Name, address, place of incorporation, principal place of business of the corporation. Name, address of each individual who will lobby on the registrant's behalf. Identification of areas of legislative or administrative action on which the registrant expects to lobby. Names, addresses of individuals who will lobby on the registrant's behalf.
- For associations, groups of persons, organizations: Name, address of principal officers and directors. If the registrant is formed primarily for lobbying, disclose name, address of any person contributing \$2,000 or more to the registrant's lobbying activities in any calendar year. Identification of areas of legislative or administrative action on which the registrant expects to lobby. Names, addresses of individuals who will lobby on the registrant's behalf.

## **Delaware**

Lobbyists

No fee in statute

- Authorization to act as a lobbyist from the lobbyist's employer, including name, business address of employer and lobbyist; period of time during which the lobbyist is authorized to act; subjects of legislation, regulation or administrative action upon which the employer is represented.
- Name, residence or business address, occupation of each lobbyist.
- Name and business address of lobbyist's employers.
- Date on which the employment as lobbyist commenced;
- The length of time the employment is to continue; and
- Subject matter of legislation, regulation or administrative action as to which the employment relates at that time.



## **District of Columbia**

### **Lobbyists:**

- Registrant's name, permanent address, and temporary address while lobbying;
- Name and address of each person who will lobby on the registrant's behalf;
- Name, address, and nature of the business of any person who compensates the registrant and the terms of compensation;
- Identification, by formal designation if known, of matters on which the registrant expects to lobby.

## **Florida**

### **Lobbyists, Lobbying firms.**

Joint Rule lists exemptions for certain state agencies. Applicable to legislative lobbyists.

Fee: Set annually by Joint Rule 1.3(3)

For 2013, the fee is \$50 per person per chamber and up to an additional \$10 per house for each additional principal that the person registers to represent.

Separate registration required for each principal represented. The first lobbyist who registers for a particular principal becomes the designated lobbyist for that principal, and is responsible for reporting on activity reports any expenditures made directly by that principal. Registration shall include a statement signed by the principal or principal's representative that the registrant is authorized to represent the principal. The principal shall also identify and designate its main business on the statement authorizing that lobbyist pursuant to a classification system approved by the Office of Legislative Services.

- Lobbyist's name, business address, phone.
- Areas of interest.
- Driver's license number, issuing state.
- Name, business address of principal.
- Name, extent of any direct business association or partnership with any current member of the Legislature.
- Statement signed by the principal or principal's representative that the registrant is authorized to represent the principal.

Per statutes and enacted in joint rule, lobbying firms must report in monetary categories on compensation provided to or owed by principals, in aggregate and for subcontractors. Firms must all provide the full name, business address, and telephone number of the firm and registration name of each of the firm's lobbyists.

**Georgia**  
Lobbyists

Fees: no annual fee, but commission shall set, collect and retain fees for lobbyist identification cards, replacement cards, and supplemental registration.

- Name, address, and telephone number;
- Name, address, and telephone number of the entity that employs, appoints, or authorizes the applicant to lobby on its behalf;
- General business or purpose of each entity the applicant represents;
- If the applicant represents a membership group other than an agency or corporation, the general purpose and approximate number of members of the organization; and
- Statement signed by the entity employing, appointing, or authorizing the applicant to lobby on its behalf and
- A statement disclosing each individual or entity on whose behalf the applicant is registering if such individual or entity has agreed to pay him or her an amount exceeding \$10,000.00 in a calendar year for lobbying activities.
- A statement verifying that the applicant has not been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude in the courts of this state or an offense that, had it occurred in this state, would constitute a felony involving moral turpitude under the laws of this state or, if the applicant has been so convicted, a statement identifying such conviction, the date thereof, a copy of the person's sentence, and a statement that more than ten years have elapsed since the completion of his or her sentence.
- If the applicant is a lobbyist attempting to influence rule making or purchasing by a state agency or agencies, the name of the state agency or agencies before which the applicant engages in lobbying.

**Hawaii**  
Lobbyists

No fee in statute

- Lobbyist's name, mailing address, and business phone.
- Name, principal place of business of each person by whom the lobbyist is retained or employed or on whose behalf the lobbyist appears or works.
- Written authorization to act as a lobbyist from each person by whom the lobbyist is employed or with whom the lobbyist contracts.
- Subject areas on which the lobbyist expects to lobby.

**Idaho**  
Lobbyists

Fee: \$10 per employer annually

Lobbyists must file separate forms for each employer.

- Lobbyist's name, permanent business address, temporary residential and business addresses during the legislative session.
- Name, address and general nature of the occupation or business of the lobbyist's employer, duration of employment.
- Whether the person from whom the lobbyist receives compensation employs him or her solely as a lobbyist or as a regular employee performing other services which include lobbying of legislation.
- General subject or subjects of the lobbyist's legislative interest.
- Name, address of the person with custody of the accounts, bills, receipts, books, papers, and documents required to be kept under this act.

### **Illinois**

Any natural person who undertakes to lobby, or any person or entity who employs or compensates another person for purposes of lobbying

(some clarifications/exemptions apply)

Fees: \$300/year

- Name, permanent address, e-mail address, fax number, business phone; temporary address, if applicable.
- For organizations or business entities, the information above for each person associated with the registrant who will be lobbying, regardless of whether lobbying is a significant part of his or her duties.
- Name, address of clients employing or retaining registrant to perform lobbying services or on whose behalf the registrant appears. If the client employing or retaining the registrant is a client registrant, the statement shall also include the name and address of the client or clients of the client registrant on whose behalf the registrant will be or anticipates performing services.
- Brief description of the executive, legislative, or administrative action in reference to which such service is to be rendered.
- Each executive and legislative branch agency the registrant expects to lobby during the registration period.
- The nature of the client's business, by indicating all of 22 categories that apply. Category 22 is "other, please specify."
- A picture of the registrant

Lobbyist reports. Except as otherwise provided in this Section, every lobbyist who is solely employed by a lobbying entity shall file an affirmation, verified under oath pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, with the Secretary of State attesting to the accuracy of any reports filed pursuant to subsection (b) as those reports pertain to work performed by the lobbyist. Any lobbyist registered who is not solely employed by a lobbying entity shall personally file reports required of lobbying entities pursuant to subsection (b). A lobbyist may, if authorized so to do by a lobbying entity by whom he or she is employed or retained, file lobbying entity reports pursuant to subsection (b) provided that the lobbying entity may delegate the filing of the lobbying entity report to only one lobbyist in any reporting period.

Every lobbying entity registered under this Act shall report expenditures related to lobbying. The report shall:

- itemize each individual expenditure or transaction and shall include the name of the official on whose behalf the expenditure was made, the name of the client if the expenditure was made on behalf of a client, the total amount of the expenditure, a description of the expenditure, the vendor or purveyor to whom the expenditure was made (including the address or location of the expenditure), the date on which the expenditure occurred and the subject matter of the lobbying activity, if any. For those expenditures made on behalf of a client, if the client is a client registrant, the report shall also include the name and address of the client or clients of the client registrant or the official or officials on whose behalf the expenditure ultimately was made. Each expenditure required to be reported shall include all expenses made for or on behalf of an official or his or her immediate family member living with the official.
- include any change or addition to the client list information, required in Section 5 for registration, since the last report, including the names and addresses of all clients who retained the lobbying entity together with an itemized description for each client of the following: (1) lobbying regarding executive action, including the name of any executive agency lobbied and the subject matter; (2) lobbying regarding legislative action, including the General Assembly and any other agencies lobbied and the subject matter; and (3) lobbying regarding administrative action, including the agency lobbied and the subject matter. Registrants who made no reportable expenditures during a reporting period shall file a report stating that no expenditures were incurred.
- Expenditures attributable to lobbying officials shall be listed and reported according to the following categories: travel and lodging on behalf of others, including, but not limited to, all travel and living accommodations made for or on behalf of State officials during sessions of the General Assembly; meals, beverages and other entertainment; gifts (indicating which, if any, are on the basis of personal friendship); honoraria; any other thing or service of value not listed under categories (1) through (4), setting forth a description of the expenditure. The category travel and lodging includes, but is not limited to, all travel and living accommodations made for or on behalf of State officials in the State capital during sessions of the General Assembly.
- Expenditures incurred for hosting receptions, benefits and other large gatherings held for purposes of goodwill or otherwise to influence executive, legislative or administrative action to which there are 25 or more State officials invited shall be reported listing only the total amount of the expenditure, the date of the event, and the estimated number of officials in attendance.
- Matters excluded from reports. The following items need not be included in the report: reasonable and bona fide expenditures made by the registrant who is a member of a legislative or State study commission or committee while attending and participating in meetings and hearings of such commission or committee; reasonable and bona fide expenditures made by the registrant for personal sustenance, lodging, travel, office expenses and clerical or support staff; salaries, fees, and other compensation paid to the registrant for the purposes of lobbying; any contributions required to be reported under the election code; expenditures made by the registrant on behalf of a public

official official that are returned or reimbursed prior to the deadline for submission of the report.

## **Indiana**

### **Compensated lobbyists**

Those who compensate lobbyists

Fees: \$200; \$100 for nonprofit lobbyists and lobbyists' employees

Compensated lobbyists:

- Name, social security number, residence address, phone, business address, phone; addresses, phones of temporary living or business quarters
- Name, business address, phone, and kind of business of each person (including the names of each officer or partner) who compensates the lobbyists
- Primary occupation, names of employers if different than those specified above
- Subject matter of lobbying

Those who compensate lobbyists:

- Name, business address, phone, kind of business, full name of the individual who controls the business, the partners, if any, and officers
- Full name, business address, phone of each person compensated by him as a lobbyist
- Subject matter for which he has employed or contracted with a lobbyist

## **Iowa**

### **Senate and House Joint Rules**

#### **Rule 2**

Lobbyists

No fee in statute

Per statute, lobbyists must report when registering with the General Assembly on:

- Clients
- Whether they will also lobby the executive branch
- Federal, state, and local officials who wish to lobby in opposition to the official position of their departments, commissions, boards, or agencies must indicate this on their lobbyist registration statements.

Per Senate and House Rules, which are only applicable to lobbyists lobbying the General Assembly, lobbyists must register using forms available in the office of the Chief Clerk of the House or the Secretary of the Senate or electronically, via a statutorily mandated internet site

established by the Chief Clerk and Secretary. Lobbyists must report a statement of the general subjects of legislation in which he/she is interested, the number of bills and resolutions and bill numbers of study bills (if known) which will be lobbied, whether the lobbyist intends to lobby for or against each bill, resolution or study bill (if known) and on whose behalf the lobbyist is lobbying the bill, resolution or study bill.

If a registered lobbyist represents more than one employer, client, or cause and the lobbyist's services are concluded on behalf of a particular employer, client, or cause after the lobbyist registers but before the first day of the next legislative session, the lobbyist shall file an amendment to the lobbyist's registration indicating which employer, client, or cause is no longer represented by the lobbyist and the date upon which the representation concluded.

If a lobbyist is retained by one or more additional employers, clients, or causes after the lobbyist registers but before the first day of the next legislative session, the lobbyist shall file an amendment to the lobbyist's registration indicating the employer, client, or cause to be added and the date upon which the representation begins.

## **Kansas**

### **Lobbyists**

Fees: \$35/\$220/\$300 per year depending on amount spent to lobby; \$360 if employed with lobbying group or firm.

The lobbyist must file a separate form for each of his or her principals.

- Name and address of the lobbyist
- Name and address of the person compensating the lobbyist for lobbying,
- Purpose of the employment and the method of determining and computing the compensation of the lobbyist.
- When a lobbyist is an employee of a lobbying group or firm which contracts to lobby and not an owner or partner of such entity, the lobbyist shall report each client of the group, firm or entity whose interest the lobbyist represents.

## **Kentucky**

*(Accurate for legislative lobbyists only.)*

Legislative agents, employers

Fee: \$250 biennially

- Name, address, phone, occupation of legislative agent
- Name, brief description of the nature of the business, nature and identity of the organized association, coalition, or public interest entity, business address and telephone number of the employer, and the real party in interest on whose behalf the legislative agent is lobbying, if different from the employer

- Name, bill number, or a brief description of the legislative action for which the legislative agent will lobby on behalf of his or her employer or as a representative of the organized association, coalition, or public interest entity
- The date on which the legislative agent was engaged
- Certification by employer, legislative agent that information is complete, accurate.
- Updated registration forms must be filed periodically throughout the year, and in addition to the information above, must include specific bills or resolutions on which the agent actually lobbied, as well as expenditure information.

### **Louisiana**

*(Accurate for legislative lobbyists only.)*

Lobbyists and principals and employees who make direct lobbying expenditures

Fee: \$110/year

- Name, business address
- Name, address of each person by whom he is employed and, if different, whose interests he represents, including the business in which that person is engaged.
- Name of each person by whom he is paid or is to be paid.
- One copy of a 2-inch-by-2-inch recent photograph of the registrant made within the prior six months

### **Maine**

Lobbyist, lobbyist employers, state employees who engage in lobbying

Fees: \$200 annually for joint registration of lobbyist and employer; \$100 for each lobbyist associate.

Lobbyist, Lobbyist Employers:

- Names of lobbyist, lobbyist's associates, the person authorized to sign the lobbyist's registration and reports; name of the person employing the lobbyist.
- Business addresses of lobbyist, lobbyist employer, and lobbyist associates
- Date lobbying commenced or is expected to commence
- Description of the nature of the business of the lobbyist employer
- The general areas of legislation that the employer is attempting to influence
- The joint standing committees of the Legislature that the lobbyist expects to lobby during the year
- The address for the employer's publicly accessible website
- Amount of compensation lobbyist will receive for services or, if unascertainable, the basis upon which the lobbyist will charge
- Certification of lobbyist, lobbyist employer that information is accurate

State Employee Lobbyists:

- Name of employee, department or agency representing business address and contract information of the employee and department or agency the employee is representing and the address for the publicly accessible website of the department or agency the employee is representing
- A description of the agency the employee is representing, its jurisdiction and its activities
- The general subject areas of legislation that the department or agency is attempting to influence
- A position description
- Signature of employee to ensure validity of document

## **Maryland**

### Lobbyists

Fee: \$100/year

Lobbyists shall file separate forms for each of their employers.

- Regulated lobbyist's name, permanent address
- Name, permanent address of other regulated lobbyists who will lobby on his or her behalf
- Name, address, nature of business of the entity that has engaged the regulated lobbyist, statement indicating whether, because of the filing and reporting of the regulated lobbyist, the compensating entity is exempt from certain reports
- Identification of the matters on which the regulated lobbyist expects to lobby, or to engage another regulated lobbyist to lobby
- If applicable, each registration shall include the authorization required by § 15-702 of this subtitle, which states that an entity that engages a regulated lobbyist to lobby shall provide a signed authorization including the full legal name, business address of the entity and of the regulated lobbyist; the time period during which the lobbyist is authorized to lobby on behalf of the entity; and the proposal or subject on which the lobbyist represents the entity.

## **Massachusetts**

Legislative and executive agents, lobbyist entities, clients retaining the services of legislative or executive agents or lobbyist entities, groups not employing lobbyists that spend more than \$250 a year to lobby.

Fees: \$1,000/year for lobbyist entities; \$100/ year for individuals and \$100/per client for entities.

- Name, business address, phone, email address
- Current photograph
- Written authorization to act as such agent, signed by lobbyist's employer. This form includes the client's name, address, phone, email, and the lobbyist's dates of employment.
- Lobbyist entities must disclose the number of lobbyists involved, as well as the above information for each.



- Clients must check off their business interests.

## **Michigan**

Lobbyists, lobbyist agents (Lobbyist agents are essentially lobbyists who spend and/or are compensated less per year.)

No fee in statute

Lobbyists:

- Name, office address
- Name, address of each person employed who is reimbursed or compensated more than \$10
- Name, address, nature of business of a person who gives compensation to or reimburses the lobbyist or the representative of a lobbyist for lobbying.
- Fiscal year of the lobbyist.

Lobbyist agents:

- Name, office address of the lobbyist agent, if the lobbyist agent is not an individual
- Name, permanent residence and office addresses if the lobbyist agent is an individual
- Name, address of each person employed, reimbursed or compensated for more than \$10 in expenses
- Name, address, and nature of business of a person who gives compensation to or reimburses the lobbyist agent or the representative of a lobbyist agent for lobbying

## **Minnesota**

Lobbyists

No fee in statute

- Lobbyist's name, address, email
- Principal place of business of the lobbyist
- Name, address and website (if applicable) of each individual, association, political subdivision, or public higher education system, if any, by whom the lobbyist is retained or employed or on whose behalf the lobbyist appears; and
- General description of the subject or subjects on which the lobbyist expects to lobby
- If lobbying on behalf of an association, include name, address of the officers and directors of the association.

\*For good cause shown, the board must grant exemptions to the requirement that e-mail addresses be provided.

## **Mississippi**

Lobbyists

Lobbyist Clients

Fee: \$25/year

- Name, address, occupation and phone of lobbyist
- Name, address, phone, principal place of business of the lobbyist's client
- The kind of business of lobbyist's client
- Name of the person or persons who control the lobbyist's client, the partners, if any, and officers of the lobbyist's client
- Name, address, phone of each lobbyist employed by or representing the lobbyist's client
- Statement or statements by the lobbyist and lobbyist's client indicating the specific nature of the issues being lobbied on behalf of the lobbyist's client, with sufficient detail so that the precise nature of the lobbyist's advocacy is evident

## **Missouri**

Lobbyists (executive lobbyists, judicial lobbyists, legislative lobbyists, elected local government official lobbyists)

Fee: \$10 one-time charge

- Lobbyist's name and business address
- Name, address of all persons such lobbyist employs for lobbying purposes
- Name, address of each lobbyist principal by whom such lobbyist is employed or in whose interest such lobbyist appears or works

## **Montana**

Lobbyists, Principals

Fee: \$150 biennially

Lobbyists must obtain a license under 5-7-103

- Name, business address of each lobbyist
- Name, business address of principal
- Subjects to which the employment relates or a statement that the employment relates to all matters in which the principal has an interest

## **Nebraska**

Lobbyists

Fees: \$200 per principal for compensated lobbyists; \$15 per principal for non-compensated lobbyists

- Lobbyist's name, permanent residence address, office address
- Name, address of the principal of such lobbyist
- Nature of the business of such principal
- Amounts paid to lobbyist as compensation or reimbursement for lobbying. A lobbyist who is salaried or retained by a principal need only report that portion of pay reasonably attributable to lobbying
- Description of the business activity of the lobbyist
- Matters on which the principal or lobbyist expects to lobby
- For industry, trade, or professional associations, a description of the group the principal represents, names and addresses of its officers
- If principal is not an industry, trade, or professional association, specific description of the interests and groups the principal represents, names, addresses of its officers
- Name, address of officials in legislative or executive branch, and of any members of any such official's staff or immediate family, who are employed by the lobbyist or any person acting on behalf of such lobbyist

## **Nevada**

### **Lobbyists**

Fees: Not listed in statute

- Name, permanent address, place of business, temporary address while lobbying
- Name, addresses of those the registrant represents, or by whom registrant is retained or employed
- Direct business associations with any current legislator and the registrant or any person by whom the registrant is retained or employed. Include any such association constituting a source of income or involving a debt or interest in real estate required to be disclosed in a statement of financial disclosure made by a candidate for public office or a public officer
- Names of current legislator for whom the registrant or any person by whom the registrant is retained or employed, has, in connection with a political campaign of the legislator, provided consulting, advertising or other professional services since the beginning of the preceding regular legislative session.
- Description of the principal areas of interest on which the registrant expects to lobby
- If registrant lobbies on behalf of members, the number of members
- Declaration that none of the registrant's compensation or reimbursement is contingent upon the production of any legislative action

## **New Hampshire**

Those gainfully employed by another, except the state of N.H., in a representative capacity to attempt to influence legislation

Fee: \$50/year

- Name of the person registering, if that person is affiliated with a partnership, firm, or corporation, the name of the partnership, firm, or corporation
- The name of the client who has employed the person registering, his or her respective business addresses, or if none, his or her residence address
- Usual occupation or primary field of business of each
- Date and character of the employment agreement
- Duration of employment if it can be determined
- Special subjects of legislative or executive branch action to which the employment relates

### **New Jersey**

Anyone who, for the purpose of influencing governmental processes, is employed, retained or engages himself as a governmental affairs agent

No fee in statute, according to the ELEC website, the filing fee is \$425/annually.

Lobbyists must file a separate report for each of their employers.

- Name, business address and regular occupation
- Name, business address and occupation or principal business of the person from whom he receives compensation for acting as a governmental affairs agent
- Name, business address and occupation or principal business of any person in whose interest he acts as a governmental affairs agent in consideration of the aforesaid compensation, if such person is other than the person from whom said compensation is received
- Descriptions of the primary lobbying interests of the people in control at the governmental affairs agent's employers, if not easily ascertainable by the name of the employer. Include the names, mailing addresses and occupations, respectively, of those persons.
- Whether the person from whom he receives said compensation employs him solely as a governmental affairs agent, or whether he is a regular employee performing services which include but are not limited to the influencing of legislation, regulation or governmental processes
- Length of time for which he will be receiving compensation from the person aforesaid for acting as a governmental affairs agent
- Type of legislation, regulation or governmental process or the particular legislation, regulation or governmental process in relation to which he is to act as governmental affairs agent

### **New Mexico**

Lobbyists

Fee: \$25 per client annually

(no fee required for individuals receiving only reimbursement of personal expenses and no other compensation or salary for lobbying)

- Lobbyist's full name, permanent business address and business address while lobbying;
- Name and address of each of the lobbyist's employers
- For each employer listed, the following information:
  - A full disclosure of the sources of funds used for lobbying;
  - Written statement authorizing lobbying on each employer's behalf;
  - Brief description of the matters that will be lobbied on;
  - Name, address of the person who will have custody of the accounts, bills, receipts, books, papers and documents required to be kept.

**New York  
Legislative Law**

Lobbyists who reasonably expect to spend or receive more than \$5,000 a year

Fee:\$200 per lobbyist annually. Free for lobbyists who spend or receive less than \$5,000 a year.

Separate statement required for each client.

- Lobbyist's name, address, phone;
- If the lobbyist is an organization, names, addresses and phone numbers of any officer or employee of the organization who lobbies;
- Lobbyist's client's name, address and telephone number of the client by whom or on whose behalf the lobbyist is retained, employed or designated;
- Copy of any written agreement of retainer or employment between the lobbyist and the client or a statement of substance if the agreement was oral;
- Description of the general subject or subjects, the legislative bill numbers of any bills and the rule, regulation, and ratemaking numbers of any rules, regulations, or rates or proposed rules, regulations, or rates on which the lobbyist is lobbying or expects to lobby;
- Name of the person, organization, or legislative body before which the lobbyist is lobbying or expects to lobby;
- If the lobbyist is retained, employed or designated by more than one client, a separate statement of registration shall be required for each such client

**North Carolina**

Lobbyists, Principals, and Solicitors (excludes liaison personnel)

Fee: \$100 per registration

Separate form required for each lobbyist's principal.

- Lobbyist's full name, firm, and complete address and telephone number;
- Lobbyist's place of business;
- Full name, complete address and telephone number of each principal the lobbyists represents;
- General description of the matters on which the registrant expects to act as a lobbyist;

- Written authorization from the principal that the lobbyist is an authorized representative
- Amended registration statement must be filed with the Secretary of State no later than 10 business days after any change in the information supplied in the lobbyist's last registration. Each supplementary registration shall include a complete statement of the information that has changed.
- Each lobbyist shall identify himself or herself as a lobbyist prior to engaging in lobbying communications or activities with a designated individual. The lobbyist shall also disclose the identity of the lobbyist principal connected to that lobbying communication or activity.
- In addition to the information required for registration, former employees of a state agency who register as a lobbyist within six months after voluntary separation or separation for cause from employment with a state agency shall also indicate which state agency with which the former employee was employed.

### **North Dakota**

#### Lobbyists:

Fee: \$25, plus \$15 for each subsequent person represented by the lobbyist

- Lobbyist's full name and business address;
- Name, address of any person upon whose behalf the registrant appears, any person in whose interest the registrant appears or works;
- Duration of the employment or appearances, and by whom the registrant is paid or is to be paid;
- Written authorization to act as a lobbyist (from principal).

### **Ohio**

#### Legislative agents, Employers

Fee: \$25 charge for registration valid until Dec. 31 of the next even-numbered year.

Legislative agents must file separate reports for each employer, but employers must file only one report that includes all employed legislative agents.

- Name, business address, occupation of the legislative agent;
- Name, business address of the employer and the real party in interest on whose behalf the legislative agent is actively advocating, if it is different from the employer.
- Brief description of the type of legislation to which the engagement relates.

### **Oklahoma**

#### Lobbyists

Fee: \$100/year

- Lobbyist's name, business address, phone;
- Name, address of each lobbyist principal;

- Registration date

The ethics commission is also required to promulgate rules setting lobbyist reporting and registration requirements, per statute.

## **Oregon**

### Lobbyists

No fee in statute

- Lobbyist's name, address, phone;
- Name, address, phone number of each person that employs the lobbyist or in whose interest the lobbyist works in a separate registration statement;
- General description of the trade, business, profession or area of endeavor each lobbyist employer and a signed statement from each person that the lobbyist is officially authorized to lobby stating that fact;
- Names of any members of the legislature that were employed, retained or otherwise compensated by the lobbyist or the lobbyist's employer;
- The general subject or subjects of the legislative action of interest to the person for whom the lobbyist is registered.

## **Pennsylvania**

Lobbyists, principals, lobbying firms: biennial registration fee of \$200

Principals and lobbying firms:

- Name, permanent address, telephone, email (if available)
- Name and nature of business
- Name, registration number and acronym of any affiliated political action committees
- Name and permanent address of each individual who will for economic consideration engage in lobbying on behalf of the principal or lobbying firm
- Registration number (when available)
- A lobbying firm shall include in its statement the following information for each principal it represents: name, permanent address, telephone, registration number (when available)
- A principal that is an association or organization shall include the number of dues-paying members of the association or organization in the most recently completed calendar year

Lobbyists:

- Name, permanent address, telephone, email (if available)
- A recent photo
- Name, permanent address, telephone number and registration number (when available) of each principal for whom the lobbyist will engage in lobbying

- Name and registration number (when available) of any lobbying firm with which the lobbyist has a relationship involving economic consideration
- Name, registration number and acronym of any affiliated political action committees
- Name, registration number and acronym of any candidate political committee of which the lobbyist is an officer who must be included in a registration statement under the Pennsylvania Election Code.

## **Rhode Island**

Lobbyists

Government employees

No fee in statute

Lobbyists:

- Name, business address of employer;
- Name, residence, occupation of the persons employed for any lobbying purpose in connection with legislation;
- Date of the employment or agreement for the employment;
- Length of time the employment is to continue, if the time can be determined;
- Legislation by bill number or by the subject matter in the case of executive agency lobbying.

Government employees register by giving only their names and agencies.

## **South Carolina**

Lobbyists

Principals

Fee: \$100/year

Lobbyists:

- Lobbyist's, name, address, phone, occupation;
- Name of employer, principal place of business, position held in that business by the lobbyist;
- Identification of the public body which the lobbyist will engage in lobbying and the subject matter, including the name of legislation, covered agency actions, or covered gubernatorial actions;
- Certification that the information is true and correct;
- Written authorization from lobbyist's employer

Principals:



- Principal's full name, address, phone. If an individual, include occupation, name of employer, principal place of business, and position of authority held in that business by the lobbyist's principal;
- Identification of each person the lobbyist's principal expects to employ, appoint, or retain
- Identification of the public body that the lobbyist's principal will authorize lobbying, subject matter in which the lobbyist's principal will authorize lobbying, including the name of legislation, covered agency actions, or covered gubernatorial actions;
- Certification that the information is true and correct.

## **South Dakota**

### Lobbyists

Fee: the secretary of state shall promulgate rules to set the fee for lobbyist registration not to exceed \$65/year for each employee represented.

Executive branch, constitutional office or judicial employees

Fee: none

Lobbyists, executive branch, constitutional office or judicial employees:

- Lobbyist name, address, occupation, home and business phone;
- Local phone number if staying in town during session;
- Lobbyist employer's name, mailing address, subject of interest;
- Each lobbyist must file an authorization form from his or her principal.

The provisions of this chapter do not apply to employees of the executive branch testifying on budgetary matters before the appropriations committees of the Legislaturure.

## **Tennessee**

### Lobbyists and Employers of Lobbyists

Fee: To be determined by rule, per TCA Sec. 3-6-301(e)

- According to TEC lobbying manual, fee is \$150/year for lobbyists and employers plus \$40 training fee.  
For Employers of Lobbyists: (A) Employer's name, business address, telephone number and e-mail address; and, in the case of a corporation, association or governmental entity, the names of the individuals performing the functions of chief executive officer and chief financial officer; (B) Name, business address, telephone number and e-mail address of each lobbyist authorized to represent the employer; and (C) Verification of delivery, by such lobbyist, of the commission's manual for lobbyists and employers of lobbyists, as required by § 3-6-114.

- For Lobbyists: Provide a current photographic portrait to the Ethics Commission. Each lobbyist shall electronically file a registration statement that includes the following information: (A) Lobbyist's name, business address, telephone number and e-mail address; (B) Name, business address, telephone number and e-mail address of each employer the lobbyist is authorized to represent; (C) Subject matters lobbied for such employers during the registration year, to be indicated among general categories listed by the ethics commission;(D) Name and business address of any member of the lobbyist's immediate family who is an official within the legislative or executive branch; and (E) The extent of any direct business arrangement or partnership between the lobbyist and any candidate for public office or any official in the legislative or executive branch.

(c) Throughout the year, by amendment electronically filed with the ethics commission, each employer of a lobbyist and each lobbyist shall update, correct or otherwise modify the employer's or lobbyist's registration statement not later than seven (7) days following the occurrence of any event, action or changed circumstance that renders the registration statement inaccurate or incomplete.

Employer and lobbyist registration statements, as may be amended, as well as lobbyist photographs shall be promptly posted on the commission's Internet site.

### **Texas**

Those who make a total expenditure of an amount determined by commission rule but not less than \$200 in a calendar quarter (commission rule is \$500/quarter for lobbying)

Those who receive, or are entitled to receive under an agreement under which the person is retained or employed, compensated or reimbursed of more than an amount determined by commission rule but not less than \$200 in a calendar quarter (commission rule sets limit at more than of \$1,000 in a calendar quarter).

Ethics Commission has authority to require state agency lobbyists to register.

Fee: \$750/year; \$150/year for lobbyists representing non-profits; \$75 for any person required to register solely because the person is required to register under Section 305.0041 (regarding independent contractors)

- Registrant's full name and address;
- Registrant's normal business, business phone, address
- Full name, address of each person: (1) who reimburses, retains, or employs the registrant as a lobbyist; or (2) on whose behalf the registrant has lobbied;
- Subject of the legislation or administrative action that the registrant is lobbying on and if applicable, the docket number or other administrative designation of the administrative action;
- For each person employed or retained by the registrant lobbying purposes, their name, business address, occupation and the subject matter of the legislation or of the administrative action to which the person's lobbying activities were related and, if

applicable, the docket number or other administrative designation of the administrative action;

- Amount of compensation or reimbursement paid by each of the lobbyist's employers. Report in these categories: less than \$10,000; \$10,000-\$25,000; \$25,000-\$50,000; \$50,000-\$100,000; \$100,000-\$150,000; \$150,000-\$200,000-\$250,000; \$250,000-\$300,000; \$300,000-\$350,000; \$350,000-\$400,000; \$400,000-\$450,000; \$450,000-\$500,000; \$500,000 or more. Must be reported as an exact amount if over \$500,000.
- If a registrant's activities are done on behalf of the members of a group or organization, including a business, trade, or consumer interest association but excluding a corporation, include the number of members; name of each person in the group who determines its policy; description of the methods by which the group develops and makes decisions about positions on policy; and a list of those persons making a grant or contribution, in addition to or instead of dues or fees of more than \$250/year.
- If registrant lobbies on behalf of a non-public corporation include the number of shareholders; name, address of each officer or member of the board of directors; name of each person owning 10 % or more shares.
- If the lobbyist employer is a business entity engaged in lobbying, the registrant shall give identification information for each client on whose behalf the registrant lobbied.
- The registration form must include the full name and address of each person who compensates or reimburses the registrant or person acting as an agent for the registrant for services, including political consulting services, rendered by the registrant from: a political contribution; interest received from a political contribution; or an asset purchased with a political contribution, all as defined by Title 15, Election Code.

The ethics commission can require state agency or state subdivision officials and employees who lobby to register with the commission with this information: officer's or employee's name, entity represented, subject matter of communication, other information the commission considers relevant.

## **Utah**

Lobbyists, Principals

("Government Officers" exempt from licensure requirements)

Fee: \$100 filing fee expires on Dec. 31 of each even-numbered year

In Utah, instead of registering, lobbyists must obtain a license to lobby. The application asks for this information:

Lobbyists:

- Name, business address
- Any elected official or appointed position that the lobbyist holds in state or local government
- The name of each public official that the lobbyist employs and the nature of the employment with the public official, if any
- Types of expenditures for which the lobbyist will be reimbursed

- A certification to be signed by the lobbyist that certifies that the information provided in the form is true, accurate, and complete to the best of the lobbyist's knowledge and belief.

\*Each lobbyist who obtains a license under this section shall update the licensure information when the lobbyist accepts employment for lobbying by a new client.

**Principals:**

- Name, business address
- Name of each public official that the principal employs and the nature of the employment with the public official, if any
- General purposes, interests, and nature of this principal
- Name and address of the person who paid or will pay for the lobbyist's registration fee, if the fee is not paid by the lobbyist

**Vermont**

**Lobbyists**

**Lobbyist employers**

Fee: \$25 plus \$5 for each employer represented or lobbyist employed; biennially

**Lobbyists:**

- Lobbyist's name, address, phone;
- Name of employer, date of employment for the biennium;
- Description of the matters for which lobbying has been engaged;
- If a lobbyist is compensated, in whole or in part, by an employer for the purpose of lobbying on behalf of another person, or group or coalition, provide the name of the employer, the name of the person, group or coalition on whose behalf he or she lobbies and a description of the matters for which lobbying has been engaged by the employer;
- Current passport-type photograph of the lobbyist;
- All subject areas for which lobbying is performed;
- All lobbying firms shall file a listing of lobbyists who are employed by, subcontracted by or affiliated with the firm within 48 hours of commencing the activity.

**Lobbyist Employers:**

- Name, trade name, address, phone of employer;
- Contact person for the employer;
- Name, address of each lobbyist employed; date of employment for the biennium.

**Virginia**  
Lobbyists

Chief administrative official of state or local governments or agencies who lobby

Fee: \$50/year per principal

- Lobbyist's name, business address, phone.
- Name, business address, phone of the person who will keep custody of the lobbyist's and principal's accounts and records required to comply with this article; location, phone of the place where the accounts and records are kept;
- Lobbyist principal's name, business address, phone, type of business;
- For each principal, name of the individual to whom the lobbyist reports;
- For each principal, a statement whether the lobbyist is employed or retained and whether exclusively for the purpose of lobbying;
- Position held by the lobbyist if a part-time or full-time employee of the principal;
- Name, business address, phone of each lobbyist employed by or representing the lobbyist's principal;
- Identification of the subject matter of lobbying;
- Signed statement that information is true and correct.

**Washington**  
Lobbyists

No fee in statute

Separate registrations for each employer.

- Name, business address, any temporary residential and business addresses during session;
- Name, address, occupation or business of the lobbyist's employer;
- Duration of his employment;
- Compensation for lobbying; how much he is to be paid for expenses, and what expenses are to be reimbursed;
- Whether the person from whom he receives said compensation employs him solely as a lobbyist or as a regular employee performing services other services as well;
- General subject or subjects of his legislative interest;
- Authorization from each of the lobbyist's employers confirming such employment;
- Name, address of the person who will have custody of the accounts, bills, receipts, books, papers, and documents required to be kept under this chapter;
- If lobbyist's employer is an entity whose members include, or which as a representative entity undertakes lobbying activities for, businesses, groups, associations, or organizations, include the name and address of each member of such entity or person represented by such entity whose fees, dues, payments, or other consideration paid to such entity during either of the prior two years have exceeded \$500 or who is obligated to or has agreed to pay fees, dues, payments, or other consideration exceeding \$500 to such entity during the current year.

- Recent photograph, brief biographical description, and the length of his or her employment as a lobbyist before the legislature.

## **West Virginia**

### Lobbyists

Fee: \$100 base registration fee, plus \$100 for each employer represented

Separate registration required for each employer.

- Registrant's name, business address, phone, temporary residential and business addresses phones used during session;
- Name, address and occupation or business of the registrant's employer;
- Statement as to whether the registrant is employed or retained solely as a lobbyist or is a regular employee who performs other duties;
- Statement as to whether the registrant is employed or retained under any agreement according to which any portion of the registrant's compensation will be contingent upon the success of his or her lobbying activity;
- General subjects on which the registrant will lobby or employ some other person to lobby;
- Written authorization from each of the lobbyist's employers confirming the lobbyist's employment and the subjects on which the employer is to be represented;
- Recent photograph and short bio.

## **Wisconsin**

Principals who spend more than \$500/year on lobbying expenses.

Fees: License for lobbyists with one principal: \$350; For lobbyists with two or more principals: \$650.

NOTE: In 2015, these fees will decrease to \$250 and \$400, respectively.

Authorization from lobbyist's principal: \$125.

Principal registration: \$375.

Fees are paid biennially.

No fee is required for those eligible for the veterans fee waiver program.

State agency liaisons

Principals:

- Principal's name, business address;

- General areas of legislative and administrative action which the principal is attempting to influence;
- Names of any agencies in which the principal seeks to influence administrative action, and information sufficient to identify the nature and interest of the principal;
- For businesses, description of business activity; name of CEO. If an LLC, names of members.
- For industry, trade or professional associations, description of industry, trade or profession including a description of any segment or portion of the group the entity represents; name of CEO; number of members.
- For principals who are neither businesses nor associations, state principal's nature and purpose, and approximate number of members.
- Name, position and social security number of principal's designee to sign registration form.
- Identification of each legislative proposal, budget bill subject and proposed administrative rule number in connection with which the principal has made or intends to make a lobbying communication; or if that does not apply, each topic of a lobbying communication made or intended to be made by the principal.

**Lobbyists:**

- Authorization form from each principal.
- Lobbyist license (applications must include the lobbyist's social security number.)

**State agency liaisons to the legislature:**

Agencies must file a statement identifying officers and employees of who are paid a salary and who's duties include attempts to influence legislative action. The statement must include:

- Name of filing agency
- Name, title and salary of each officer or employee engaged in such legislative activity, the time spent on such activity, and the general area of legislative action attempted to influence.
- Any officer or employee of an agency who attempts to influence legislative action which affects the financial interests of such employee, other than a regular or periodic adjustment in salary, wages or other benefits paid by the State of Wisconsin, shall disclose the nature of such interest to any member or employee of the legislature with whom such person has a direct communication concerning such legislation.

**Wyoming**

**Lobbyists**

Fee: \$25 annually for those who receive pay or reimbursement over \$500/period; \$5 for others.

- Name, business address of the individual registering;
- Name, business address of the association, corporation, labor union, public, nonprofit or private special interest group the person represents.