

1 AN ACT concerning lobbyists.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Lobbyist Registration Act is amended by  
5 changing Sections 6 and 6.5 as follows:

6 (25 ILCS 170/6) (from Ch. 63, par. 176)

7 Sec. 6. Reports.

8 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, every  
9 person required to register as prescribed in Section 3 shall  
10 report under oath to the Secretary of State all expenditures  
11 for lobbying made or incurred by the lobbyist on his behalf  
12 or the behalf of his employer. In the case where an  
13 individual is solely employed by another person to perform  
14 job related functions any part of which includes lobbying,  
15 the employer shall be responsible for reporting all lobbying  
16 expenditures incurred on the employer's behalf as shall be  
17 identified by the lobbyist to the employer preceding such  
18 report. Persons who contract with another person to perform  
19 lobbying activities shall be responsible for reporting all  
20 lobbying expenditures incurred on the employer's behalf. Any  
21 additional lobbying expenses incurred by the employer which  
22 are separate and apart from those incurred by the contractual  
23 employee shall be reported by the employer.

24 (b) The report shall itemize each individual expenditure  
25 or transaction over \$100 and shall include the name of the  
26 official on whose behalf the expenditure was made, the name  
27 of the client on whose behalf the expenditure was made, the  
28 total amount of the expenditure, the date on which the  
29 expenditure occurred and the subject matter of the lobbying  
30 activity, if any.

31 Expenditures attributable to lobbying officials shall be

1 listed and reported according to the following categories:

- 2 (1) travel and lodging on behalf of others.
- 3 (2) meals, beverages and other entertainment.
- 4 (3) gifts.
- 5 (4) honoraria.

6 Individual expenditures required to be reported as  
7 described herein which are equal to or less than \$100 in  
8 value need not be itemized but are required to be categorized  
9 and reported by officials in an aggregate total in a manner  
10 prescribed by rule of the Secretary of State.

11 Expenditures incurred for hosting receptions, benefits  
12 and other large gatherings held for purposes of goodwill or  
13 otherwise to influence executive, legislative or  
14 administrative action to which there are 25 or more State  
15 officials invited shall be reported listing only the total  
16 amount of the expenditure, the date of the event, and the  
17 estimated number of officials in attendance.

18 Each individual expenditure required to be reported shall  
19 include all expenses made for or on behalf of State officials  
20 and members of the immediate family of those persons.

21 The category travel and lodging includes, but is not  
22 limited to, all travel and living accommodations made for or  
23 on behalf of State officials in the capital during sessions  
24 of the General Assembly.

25 Reasonable and bona fide expenditures made by the  
26 registrant who is a member of a legislative or State study  
27 commission or committee while attending and participating in  
28 meetings and hearings of such commission or committee need  
29 not be reported.

30 Reasonable and bona fide expenditures made by the  
31 registrant for personal sustenance, lodging, travel, office  
32 expenses and clerical or support staff need not be reported.

33 Salaries, fees, and other compensation paid to the  
34 registrant for the purposes of lobbying need not be reported.

1 Any contributions required to be reported under Article 9  
2 of the Election Code need not be reported.

3 Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, gifts  
4 and honoraria returned or reimbursed to the registrant within  
5 30 days of the date of receipt shall need not be reported.

6 A gift or honorarium returned or reimbursed to the  
7 registrant within 10 days after the official receives a copy  
8 of a report pursuant to Section 6.5 shall not be included in  
9 the final report unless the registrant informed the official,  
10 contemporaneously with the receipt of the gift or honorarium,  
11 that such gift or honorarium is a reportable expenditure  
12 pursuant to this Act.

13 (c) Reports under this Section shall be filed by July  
14 31, for expenditures from the previous January 1 through the  
15 later of June 30 or the final day of the regular General  
16 Assembly session, and by January 31, for expenditures from  
17 the entire previous calendar year.

18 Registrants who made no reportable expenditures during a  
19 reporting period shall file a report stating that no  
20 expenditures were incurred. Such reports shall be filed in  
21 accordance with the deadlines as prescribed in this  
22 subsection.

23 A registrant who terminates employment or duties which  
24 required him to register under this Act shall give the  
25 Secretary of State, within 30 days after the date of such  
26 termination, written notice of such termination and shall  
27 include therewith a report of the expenditures described  
28 herein, covering the period of time since the filing of his  
29 last report to the date of termination of employment. Such  
30 notice and report shall be final and relieve such registrant  
31 of further reporting under this Act, unless and until he  
32 later takes employment or assumes duties requiring him to  
33 again register under this Act.

34 (d) Failure to file any such report within the time

1 designated or the reporting of incomplete information shall  
2 constitute a violation of this Act.

3 A registrant shall preserve for a period of 2 years all  
4 receipts and records used in preparing reports under this  
5 Act.

6 (e) Within 30 days after a filing deadline, the lobbyist  
7 shall notify each official on whose behalf an expenditure has  
8 been reported. Notification shall include the name of the  
9 registrant, the total amount of the expenditure, the date on  
10 which the expenditure occurred, and the subject matter of the  
11 lobbying activity.

12 (Source: P.A. 90-78, eff. 1-1-98.)

13 (25 ILCS 170/6.5)

14 Sec. 6.5. Response to report by official.

15 (a) Every person required to register as prescribed in  
16 Section 3 and required to file a report with the Secretary of  
17 State as prescribed in Section 6 shall, at least 25 days  
18 before ~~the deadline for~~ filing the report, provide a copy of  
19 the report to each official listed in the report by first  
20 class mail or hand delivery. An official may, within 10 days  
21 after receiving the copy of the report, provide written  
22 objections to the report by first class mail or hand delivery  
23 to the person required to file the report. If those written  
24 objections conflict with the final report that is filed, the  
25 written objections shall be filed along with the report.

26 (b) Failure to provide a copy of the report to an  
27 official listed in the report within the time designated in  
28 this Section is a violation of this Act.

29 (Source: P.A. 90-737, eff. 1-1-99.)