



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

SB2302

Introduced 11/12/2019, by Sen. Dale A. Righter

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

5 ILCS 420/1-109

from Ch. 127, par. 601-109

5 ILCS 420/2-101

from Ch. 127, par. 602-101

Amends the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Expands the definition of "lobbying" for purposes of the Act. Provides that no member of the General Assembly, his or her spouse, or any immediate family member living with that member of the General Assembly (currently, no legislator) may engage in lobbying if he or she accepts compensation specifically attributable to such lobbying, other than that provided by law for members of the General Assembly. Provides that nothing prohibits a member of the General Assembly (currently, legislator), his or her spouse, or any immediate family member living with that member of the General Assembly from lobbying without compensation. Provides that a violation of provisions prohibiting member lobbying constitutes a Class 3 felony (currently, Class A misdemeanor). Makes conforming changes. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning government.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Governmental Ethics Act is amended
5 by changing Sections 1-109 and 2-101 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 420/1-109) (from Ch. 127, par. 601-109)

7 Sec. 1-109. "Lobbying" means: (1) promoting or opposing in
8 any manner the passage by the General Assembly of any
9 legislative matter affecting the interests of any individual,
10 association or corporation as distinct from those of the people
11 of the State as a whole; (2) any communication with an official
12 of the executive or legislative branch of State government, as
13 defined under subsection (c) of Section 2 of the Lobbyist
14 Registration Act, for the ultimate purpose of influencing any
15 executive, legislative, or administrative action; or (3) any
16 communication with an official of a unit of local government
17 for the ultimate purpose of influencing any official action of
18 the unit of local government.

19 (Source: Laws 1967, p. 3401.)

20 (5 ILCS 420/2-101) (from Ch. 127, par. 602-101)

21 Sec. 2-101. No member of the General Assembly, his or her
22 spouse, or any immediate family member living with that member

1 of the General Assembly legislator may engage in lobbying, as
2 that term is defined in Section 1-109, if he or she accepts
3 compensation specifically attributable to such lobbying, other
4 than that provided by law for members of the General Assembly.
5 Nothing in this Section prohibits a member of the General
6 Assembly, his or her spouse, or any immediate family member
7 living with that member of the General Assembly legislator from
8 lobbying without compensation.

9 A violation of this Section shall constitute a Class 3
10 felony ~~A misdemeanor~~.

11 (Source: P.A. 77-2830.)

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
13 becoming law.