

HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL 73

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017

AN ACT

RELATING TO LOBBYING; PROHIBITING FORMER STATE PUBLIC OFFICERS,
FORMER PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSIONERS, FORMER LEGISLATORS AND
FORMER CABINET SECRETARIES FROM ACCEPTING COMPENSATION FOR
LOBBYING THE STATE ENTITY FOR WHICH THEY SERVED OR WORKED, OR
HAVING AN INTEREST IN A CONTRACT TO LOBBY THOSE ENTITIES, FOR A
PERIOD OF TWO YEARS AFTER THEIR SERVICE; PROHIBITING EMPLOYERS
OF LOBBYISTS FROM COMPENSATING FORMER STATE PUBLIC OFFICERS,
FORMER PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSIONERS, FORMER LEGISLATORS AND
FORMER CABINET SECRETARIES FOR LOBBYING THE STATE ENTITY FOR
WHICH THEY SERVED OR WORKED FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS AFTER
THEIR SERVICE; PROHIBITING STATE PUBLIC OFFICERS, PUBLIC
REGULATION COMMISSIONERS, LEGISLATORS AND CABINET SECRETARIES
FROM HAVING A CONTRACT TO LOBBY FOR COMPENSATION THE STATE
ENTITY WITH WHICH THEY SERVE OR WORK; IMPOSING A PENALTY.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

2 SECTION 1. A new section of the Lobbyist Regulation Act
3 is enacted to read:

4 "[NEW MATERIAL] RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING BY CERTAIN
5 CURRENT AND FORMER PUBLIC OFFICIALS--PENALTY.--

6 A. As used in this section:

7 (1) "official" means a state public officer, a
8 public regulation commissioner, a state legislator or a cabinet
9 secretary; and

10 (2) "lobby" means attempting to influence a
11 decision related to any matter to be considered or being
12 considered by the state entity at which the former official
13 served or worked or any matter requiring action or awaiting
14 action by that state entity, but "lobby" shall not include the
15 practice of law in accordance with applicable rules governing
16 attorneys.

17 B. A former official shall not accept compensation
18 to lobby the state entity for which the official served or
19 worked for a period of two years after the official has ceased
20 service or work with that state entity.

21 C. A person shall not directly or indirectly
22 compensate a former official to lobby the state entity for
23 which the official served or worked for a period of two years
24 after the official has ceased service or work with that state
25 entity.

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