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SENATE BILL 61

**55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2022**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO LOBBYING; REQUIRING POST-SESSION REPORTS ON WHAT LEGISLATION A LOBBYIST OR LOBBYIST'S EMPLOYER LOBBIED; AMENDING SECTION 2-11-7 NMSA 1978 (BEING LAWS 1977, CHAPTER 261, SECTION 7, AS AMENDED).

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

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

"[NEW MATERIAL] LOBBYING REPORT.--Prior to the adjournment of a legislative session, a lobbyist or lobbyist's employer that is required to file an expenditure report pursuant to Section 2-11-6 NMSA 1978 or registration statement pursuant to Section 2-11-3 NMSA 1978 shall file a report or reports with the secretary of state disclosing the lobbyist's or lobbyist's employer's lobbying activity on legislation and identifying the

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1 specific legislation lobbied, the support, opposition or other  
2 position taken on the legislation by the lobbyist or lobbyist's  
3 employer and the name of the lobbyist's employer that lobbied  
4 on the legislation, either directly or by the registered  
5 lobbyist. A lobbyist is only required to report the lobbyist's  
6 lobbying activity on a piece of legislation one time. Reported  
7 lobbying activity shall include any lobbying on the development  
8 of legislation prior to its introduction in a legislative  
9 session. If a lobbyist or lobbyist's employer commences  
10 lobbying on legislation after the adjournment of a legislative  
11 session, a lobbying report shall be filed prior to the end of  
12 the time period in which the governor may act on legislation.  
13 The report shall be filed at a time and in an electronic format  
14 as prescribed by rule of the secretary of state."

15 SECTION 2. Section 2-11-7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1977,  
16 Chapter 261, Section 7, as amended) is amended to read:

17 "2-11-7. REGISTRATION, [~~AND~~] EXPENDITURE [~~REPORT~~] AND  
18 LOBBYING REPORT--PRESERVATION AS PUBLIC RECORD--ONLINE  
19 REPORTS.--

20 A. Each registration, [~~and~~] expenditure and  
21 lobbying report as required by the Lobbyist Regulation Act  
22 shall be archived and accessible on the secretary of state's  
23 lobbyist disclosure website for a period of at least ten years  
24 from the date of filing as a public record, open to public  
25 inspection at any reasonable time. Unless an action or

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1 prosecution is pending that requires preserving the report, it  
2 may be destroyed ten years after the date of filing.

3 B. Lobbyist [~~registrations and~~] registration,  
4 expenditure and lobbying reports shall be kept and maintained  
5 on the secretary of state's lobbyist disclosure website and  
6 shall be available in searchable and downloadable formats.

7 C. With respect to the secretary of state's  
8 lobbyist disclosure website, all items in the records shall be  
9 easily searchable, sortable and downloadable by the public to  
10 the extent technically practicable.

11 D. The secretary of state shall ensure that  
12 contributions reported by persons pursuant to the Lobbyist  
13 Regulation Act are reported in a manner that is nonduplicative  
14 and as consistent as practicable with the reporting  
15 requirements of the Campaign Reporting Act. To the extent  
16 possible, the electronic reporting system used for registration  
17 and reporting required by the Lobbyist Regulation Act shall be  
18 integrated with the electronic reporting system used for  
19 compliance with the Campaign Reporting Act.

20 E. Reporting individuals under the Campaign  
21 Reporting Act shall receive automatic electronic notice of the  
22 contributions to them reported by lobbyists and lobbyists'  
23 employers within twenty-four hours of the filing of each  
24 expenditure report."