

1 HOUSE BILL 143

2 **57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO LOBBYING; REQUIRING A LOBBYING ACTIVITY REPORT ON
12 THE LEGISLATION LOBBIED AND POSITION TAKEN BY A LOBBYIST OR
13 LOBBYIST'S EMPLOYER; PRESERVING LOBBYING ACTIVITY REPORTS FOR
14 AT LEAST TEN YEARS.

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

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

19 "[NEW MATERIAL] LOBBYING ACTIVITY REPORT.--

20 A. Prior to the adjournment of a legislative
21 session, a lobbyist or lobbyist's employer that is required to
22 file an expenditure report pursuant to Section 2-11-6 NMSA 1978
23 or registration statement pursuant to Section 2-11-3 NMSA 1978
24 shall file a lobbying activity report or reports with the
25 secretary of state that discloses the lobbyist's or lobbyist's

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1 employer's lobbying activity on legislation that has been
2 introduced, including any lobbying on the development of
3 legislation prior to its introduction in a legislative session,
4 and that identifies the:

5 (1) specific legislation lobbied;

6 (2) lobbyist's or lobbyist's employer's
7 support, opposition or other position taken on the legislation
8 and whether the support, opposition or other position changed;
9 and

10 (3) name of the lobbyist's employer that
11 lobbied on the legislation, either directly or through the
12 registered lobbyist.

13 B. If a lobbyist or lobbyist's employer commences
14 lobbying on legislation after the adjournment of a legislative
15 session, a lobbying activity report shall be filed prior to the
16 end of the time period in which the governor may act on
17 legislation.

18 C. A lobbyist or lobbyist's employer is only
19 required to report lobbying activity on a piece of legislation
20 one time unless the lobbyist's or lobbyist's employer's
21 position on the legislation has changed, in which case the
22 lobbying activity for each change in position shall be
23 reported.

24 D. The lobbying activity report shall be filed at a
25 time and in a format as prescribed by rule of the secretary of

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1 state; provided that the time for filing lobbying activity
2 reports is consistent with filing as soon as practicable after
3 commencement of the lobbying activity.

4 E. The lobbying activity reported for each specific
5 piece of legislation shall be included or linked on the
6 legislature's website for that specific piece of legislation."

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

9 "2-11-7. REGISTRATION, ~~[AND]~~ EXPENDITURE AND LOBBYING
10 ACTIVITY REPORT--PRESERVATION AS PUBLIC RECORD--ONLINE
11 REPORTS.--

12 A. Each registration, ~~[and]~~ expenditure and
13 lobbying activity report as required by the Lobbyist Regulation
14 Act shall be archived and accessible on the secretary of
15 state's lobbyist disclosure website for a period of at least
16 ten years from the date of filing as a public record, open to
17 public inspection at any reasonable time. Unless an action or
18 prosecution is pending that requires preserving the report, it
19 may be destroyed ten years after the date of filing.

20 B. Lobbyist ~~[registrations and]~~ registration,
21 expenditure and lobbying activity reports shall be kept and
22 maintained on the secretary of state's lobbyist disclosure
23 website and shall be available in searchable and downloadable
24 formats.

25 C. With respect to the secretary of state's

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1 lobbyist disclosure website, all items in the records shall be
2 easily searchable, sortable and downloadable by the public to
3 the extent technically practicable.

4 D. The secretary of state shall ensure that
5 contributions reported by persons pursuant to the Lobbyist
6 Regulation Act are reported in a manner that is nonduplicative
7 and as consistent as practicable with the reporting
8 requirements of the Campaign Reporting Act. To the extent
9 possible, the electronic reporting system used for registration
10 and reporting required by the Lobbyist Regulation Act shall be
11 integrated with the electronic reporting system used for
12 compliance with the Campaign Reporting Act.

13 E. Reporting individuals under the Campaign
14 Reporting Act shall receive automatic electronic notice of the
15 contributions to them reported by lobbyists and lobbyists'
16 employers within twenty-four hours of the filing of each
17 expenditure report."

18 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
19 provisions of this act is January 1, 2027.