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SENATE BILL 953

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO LOBBYISTS; CHANGING FILING FEES FOR LOBBYISTS.

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

Section 1. Section 2-11-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1977, Chapter 261, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

"2-11-3. REGISTRATION STATEMENT TO BE FILED--CONTENTS--
MODIFICATION TO STATEMENT.--

A. In the month of January prior to each regular session or before any service covered by the Lobbyist Regulation Act commences, any individual who is initially employed or retained as a lobbyist shall register with the secretary of state by paying an annual filing fee of [~~twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)~~] one hundred dollars (\$100) for each of the lobbyist's employers and by filing a single registration statement under oath on a prescribed form showing:

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1 (1) the lobbyist's full name, permanent
2 business address and business address while lobbying; and

3 (2) the name and address of each of the
4 lobbyist's employers.

5 B. No registration fee shall be required of
6 individuals receiving only reimbursement of personal expenses
7 and no other compensation or salary for lobbying. No
8 expenditure statement required by Section 2-11-6 NMSA 1978
9 shall be required if the lobbyist anticipates making or
10 incurring and makes or incurs no expenditures or political
11 contributions under Section 2-11-6 NMSA 1978. The lobbyist
12 shall indicate in [~~his~~] the lobbyist's registration statement
13 whether those circumstances apply to [~~him~~] the lobbyist.

14 C. For each employer listed in Paragraph (2) of
15 Subsection A of this section, the lobbyist shall file the
16 following information:

17 (1) a full disclosure of the sources of funds
18 used for lobbying;

19 (2) a written statement from each of the
20 lobbyist's employers authorizing [~~him~~] the lobbyist to lobby on
21 the employer's behalf;

22 (3) a brief description of the matters in
23 reference to which the service is to be rendered; and

24 (4) the name and address of the person, if
25 other than the lobbyist or [~~his~~] the lobbyist's employer, who

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1 will have custody of the accounts, bills, receipts, books,
2 papers and documents required to be kept under the provisions
3 of the Lobbyist Regulation Act.

4 D. For each succeeding year that an individual is
5 employed or retained as a lobbyist by the same employer, and
6 for whom all the information disclosed in the initial
7 registration statement remains substantially the same, the
8 lobbyist shall file a simple annual registration renewal in
9 January and pay the [~~twenty-five-dollar (\$25.00)~~] one-hundred-
10 dollar (\$100) filing fee for each of the lobbyist's employers
11 together with a short, abbreviated prescribed form for renewal.

12 E. Whenever there is a modification of the facts
13 required to be set forth by this section or there is a
14 termination of the lobbyist's employment as a lobbyist before
15 the end of the calendar year, the lobbyist shall notify the
16 secretary of state within one month of such occurrence and
17 shall furnish full information concerning the modification or
18 termination. If the lobbyist's employment terminates at the
19 end of a calendar year, no separate termination report need be
20 filed."

21 Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
22 provisions of this act is July 1, 2007.