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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN
102 CONNECTION WITH THE REGULATION OF LOBBYISTS.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

The bill makes the following changes related to the regulation of lobbyists by the secretary of state (secretary):

- ! **Section 1** of the bill orients the registration of lobbyists around a fiscal year that commences on July 1 of a calendar year and concludes on June 30 of the following calendar

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
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year instead of around a calendar year as under existing law.

- ! **Section 2** of the bill extends the obligation to file disclosure statements with the secretary to include volunteer as well as professional lobbyists as under current law. Among other things, the disclosure statement enumerates expenditures by the lobbyist for gifts or entertainment purposes for public officials. This section of the bill also specifies when volunteer lobbyists are to file disclosure statements.
- ! Currently, the secretary imposes a fine of \$10 per day for each day after the deadline for filing a disclosure statement that a lobbyist fails to file the statement. **Section 2** of the bill maintains the \$10 fine for the first 10 business days on which the disclosure statement has not been filed after the day due. For failure to file a disclosure statement by the close of the 11th business day on which the disclosure statement has not been filed after the day due, in addition to the existing criminal penalty, section 2 requires the secretary to impose an additional penalty of \$100 for each day thereafter that a disclosure statement is not filed by the close of the business day. Section 2 also clarifies that the secretary may excuse the payment of any such penalty, or reduce the amount of any penalty imposed, for bona fide personal emergencies.
- ! **Section 3** of the bill requires volunteer lobbyists to register with the secretary in the same manner as professional lobbyists but exempts volunteer lobbyists from paying a registration fee. Section 3 also sets the fee for professional lobbyists at a level that will offset, in part, the costs of requiring the registration of volunteer lobbyists.
- ! **Section 6** of the bill requires the secretary to revoke the certificate of registration of any individual whose lobbying privileges before the general assembly have been suspended following action on a written complaint against the person in accordance with the general assembly's rules on lobbying practices.
- ! In the case of misconduct by an individual culminating in the revocation of a certificate of registration, **section 7** of the bill requires the secretary to additionally indicate the revocation of the individual's certificate of registration on the web site maintained by the secretary and requires the secretary to send written notice of the revocation by United States mail to each person for whom the individual lobbies as shown on the individual's registration statement. In the

case of misconduct by an individual culminating in a resolution of censure that has been adopted by the general assembly in accordance with its rules on lobbying practices, section 7 also requires the secretary to send a copy of the resolution by United States mail to each person for whom the individual lobbies as shown on the individual's registration statement. This section of the bill also grants the secretary authority to revoke or suspend the registration of a lobbyist for failure of the lobbyist to pay any penalty fines.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** 24-6-301 (1.9) (a) (I), (1.9) (a) (III), (1.9) (a) (IV),
3 (1.9) (a) (VIII), (1.9) (b) (II), and (3.5) (b) (I), Colorado Revised Statutes,
4 are amended, and the said 24-6-301 is further amended BY THE
5 ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING NEW SUBSECTIONS, to read:

6 **24-6-301. Definitions - legislative declaration.** As used in this
7 part 3, unless the context otherwise requires:

8 (1.9) (a) "Disclosure statement" means a written statement that
9 contains:

10 (I) The name and address of each person who has made a
11 contribution totaling one hundred dollars or more to or for the disclosing
12 person for lobbying during the ~~calendar~~ FISCAL year, together with the
13 amount thereof;

14 (III) The total sum of all contributions made to or for the
15 disclosing person for lobbying since the last disclosure statement and
16 during the ~~calendar~~ FISCAL year;

17 (IV) The name of any covered official to or for whom
18 expenditures of fifty dollars or more have been made by or on behalf of
19 the disclosing person for gift or entertainment purposes in connection
20 with lobbying or for whom an expenditure was made by or on behalf of

1 the disclosing person for a gift of a meal at a fund-raising event of a
2 political party described in section 1-45-105.5 (1) (c) (IV), C.R.S., during
3 either the first six months or the second six months of a ~~calendar~~ FISCAL
4 year and the amount, date, and principal purpose of the gift or
5 entertainment, if the covered official or a member of his or her family
6 actually received such gift or entertainment, but expenditures of one
7 dollar or less shall be reported under subparagraph (V) of this paragraph
8 (a). All amounts spent by a ~~professional~~ lobbyist on a covered official for
9 which the lobbyist is reimbursed, or the source of which is a contribution,
10 shall be deemed to be for gift or entertainment purposes.

11 (VIII) The total sum of all expenditures made by or on behalf of
12 the disclosing person in connection with lobbying since the last disclosure
13 statement and during the ~~calendar~~ FISCAL year;

14 (b) The secretary of state shall prescribe a form for disclosure
15 statements, which shall contain:

16 (II) A statement, which the disclosing person may adopt, if true,
17 that no unreported contributions for lobbying are receivable and that no
18 unreported expenditures for lobbying will be made during the remainder
19 of the ~~calendar~~ FISCAL year;

20 (2.3) "FISCAL YEAR" MEANS THE PERIOD COMMENCING JULY 1 OF
21 A CALENDAR YEAR AND CONCLUDING JUNE 30 OF THE FOLLOWING
22 CALENDAR YEAR.

23 (3.5) (b) Subject to the exclusions and provisions of this
24 paragraph (b), for the purpose of determining when contributions and
25 expenditures become reportable in disclosure statements, "lobbying"
26 includes activities undertaken by the person engaging in lobbying and
27 persons acting at his request to prepare for lobbying which in fact

1 ultimately occurs, provided:

2 (I) No such reports shall be required for activities occurring prior
3 to the preceding ~~calendar~~ FISCAL year;

4 (3.7) "LOBBYIST" MEANS EITHER A PROFESSIONAL OR A
5 VOLUNTEER LOBBYIST.

6 **SECTION 2.** 24-6-302 (2), (2.5), (3), (4), and (5), the
7 introductory portions to 24-6-302 (6) (a) and (6) (b), and 24-6-302 (6) (b)
8 (II) and (7), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

9 **24-6-302. Disclosure statements - required.** (2) Any person
10 who makes expenditures for gifts or entertainment purposes for the
11 benefit of covered officials in the aggregate amount of two hundred
12 dollars in a ~~calendar~~ FISCAL year shall file disclosure statements with the
13 secretary of state in accordance with this section. Such disclosure
14 statements shall not include actual and reasonable expenses incurred for
15 personal needs, such as meals, travel, lodging, and parking.

16 (2.5) (a) ~~A registered professional~~ ANY lobbyist and any firm
17 organized for professional lobbying purposes that employs such lobbyist
18 shall file disclosure statements in accordance with this section. Such a
19 disclosure statement, in lieu of the contributions described in section
20 24-6-301 (1.9) (a) (I), (1.9) (a) (II), and (1.9) (a) (III), shall contain the
21 gross income for lobbying since the prior month's disclosure statement
22 and the name and address of any person from whom gross income for
23 lobbying is received totaling one hundred dollars or more.

24 (b) No disclosure statement shall be required of a person who is
25 described in a disclosure statement of a ~~registered professional~~ lobbyist
26 pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection (2.5).

27 (c) Nothing in this subsection (2.5) shall be construed to require

1 a ~~professional~~ lobbyist or a firm organized for professional lobbying
2 purposes that is engaged in lobbying for a trade association, public
3 interest group, or governmental organization to include in the disclosure
4 statement of such lobbyist or firm any dues, assessments, or fees collected
5 by such association, group, or organization for lobbying purposes.

6 (3) (a) (I) IN THE CASE OF A PROFESSIONAL LOBBYIST, A disclosure
7 ~~statements~~ STATEMENT shall be filed within fifteen days after the end of
8 the first calendar month in which any contribution or gross income for
9 lobbying is received or any expenditure is made or incurred for lobbying
10 and shall be filed within fifteen days after the end of each subsequent
11 month during the ~~calendar~~ FISCAL year.

12 (II) IN THE CASE OF A VOLUNTEER LOBBYIST, A DISCLOSURE
13 STATEMENT SHALL BE FILED WITHIN FIFTEEN DAYS AFTER THE END OF THE
14 FIRST CALENDAR MONTH IN WHICH THE VOLUNTEER LOBBYIST IS ENGAGED
15 IN ANY LOBBYING AND SHALL BE FILED WITHIN FIFTEEN DAYS AFTER THE
16 END OF EACH SUBSEQUENT MONTH DURING THE FISCAL YEAR.

17 (b) A cumulative disclosure statement for the entire ~~state~~ fiscal
18 year shall be filed BY A PROFESSIONAL LOBBYIST OR A FIRM ORGANIZED
19 FOR PROFESSIONAL LOBBYING PURPOSES on or before July 15 covering the
20 ~~period from the previous July 1 through the subsequent June 30~~ FISCAL
21 YEAR immediately preceding the date on which the cumulative disclosure
22 statement is due. Such disclosure statement shall contain the name of and
23 total gross income for lobbying received from each person for the
24 previous ~~state~~ fiscal year. If a firm organized for professional lobbying
25 purposes subcontracts lobbying business to another such firm or
26 PROFESSIONAL lobbyist, or if a ~~registered~~ professional lobbyist
27 subcontracts lobbying business to another such firm or lobbyist, only the

1 firm or lobbyist that receives the business on a subcontract shall report the
2 information required to be disclosed pursuant to this subsection (3). The
3 firm or lobbyist that subcontracted the business to another firm or
4 PROFESSIONAL lobbyist shall describe in an addendum or supplement to
5 the report required to be filed pursuant to the provisions of this subsection
6 (3) the total gross income received from lobbying that is being
7 contemporaneously reported by another firm or PROFESSIONAL lobbyist.

8 (4) If a person adopts the statement set out in section 24-6-301
9 (1.9) (b) (II), he OR SHE shall at the same time file a cumulative disclosure
10 statement for the ~~calendar~~ FISCAL year to date and thereafter shall not
11 have to file monthly disclosure statements unless he OR SHE subsequently
12 becomes required to do so by virtue of subsection (3) of this section.

13 (5) This section shall not apply to any political committee,
14 ~~volunteer lobbyist~~, citizen who lobbies on his OR HER own behalf, state
15 official or employee acting in his OR HER official capacity, except as
16 provided in section 24-6-303.5, or elected public official acting in his OR
17 HER official capacity.

18 (6) (a) During the period that the general assembly is not in
19 session, a ~~registered professional~~ lobbyist shall notify the secretary of
20 state in writing within five working days after an oral or written
21 agreement to engage in lobbying for any person not disclosed in the
22 registration statement filed pursuant to section 24-6-303 (1). During the
23 period that the general assembly is in session, a ~~registered professional~~
24 lobbyist shall notify the secretary of state after an agreement to engage in
25 lobbying for any person not disclosed in the registration statement filed
26 pursuant to section 24-6-303 (1), either by means of the electronic filing
27 system created in section 24-6-303 (6.3) or by facsimile transmission in

1 accordance with the following:

2 (b) A ~~registered professional~~ lobbyist who provides the
3 notification under paragraph (a) of this subsection (6) shall file,
4 concurrently with the next disclosure statement due after such
5 notification, a signed written statement that contains:

6 (II) A summary of the terms related to lobbying under the
7 agreement between such person and the ~~registered professional~~ lobbyist.

8 (7) In addition to the criminal penalty provided for in section
9 24-6-309 (1), the secretary of state, after proper notification by certified
10 mail, shall impose an additional penalty of ten dollars per day for each
11 BUSINESS day that a disclosure statement required to be filed by this
12 section is not filed by the close of the business day on the day due ~~except~~
13 ~~that~~ UP TO AND INCLUDING THE FIRST TEN BUSINESS DAYS ON WHICH THE
14 DISCLOSURE STATEMENT HAS NOT BEEN FILED AFTER THE DAY DUE. FOR
15 FAILURE TO FILE A DISCLOSURE STATEMENT REQUIRED TO BE FILED BY THIS
16 SECTION BY THE CLOSE OF THE ELEVENTH BUSINESS DAY ON WHICH THE
17 DISCLOSURE STATEMENT HAS NOT BEEN FILED AFTER THE DAY DUE, IN
18 ADDITION TO THE CRIMINAL PENALTY PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 24-6-309
19 (1), THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL PENALTY OF
20 ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR EACH DAY THEREAFTER THAT A DISCLOSURE
21 STATEMENT REQUIRED TO BE FILED BY THIS SECTION IS NOT FILED BY THE
22 CLOSE OF THE BUSINESS DAY. The secretary of state may excuse ~~such~~ THE
23 PAYMENT OF ANY penalty IMPOSED BY THIS SUBSECTION (7), OR REDUCE
24 THE AMOUNT OF ANY PENALTY IMPOSED, for bona fide personal
25 emergencies. Revenues collected from penalties assessed by the secretary
26 of state shall be deposited in the department of state cash fund created in
27 section 24-21-104 (3).

1 **SECTION 3.** 24-6-303 (1), (1.3) (a), (1.5), (2), (3), (4), (5), and
2 (6), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

3 **24-6-303. Registration as professional or volunteer lobbyist -**
4 **filing of disclosure statements - certificate of registration.** (1) Any
5 ~~professional~~ lobbyist, before engaging in lobbying, shall register with the
6 secretary of state ~~pay a fee in accordance with the requirements of~~
7 ~~subsection (1.3) of this section~~ and file a written or electronic registration
8 statement that shall contain:

9 (a) His OR HER full legal name, business address, and business
10 telephone number;

11 (b) The name, address, and telephone number of any person by
12 whom he OR SHE is employed;

13 (c) The name, address, and telephone number of any person for
14 whom he OR SHE will be lobbying; and

15 (d) IN THE CASE OF A PROFESSIONAL LOBBYIST, the name, address,
16 and telephone number of any person by whom the professional lobbyist
17 or firm organized for professional lobbying is paid or is to be paid for
18 such lobbying.

19 (1.3) (a) At the time a professional lobbyist files a registration
20 statement in accordance with subsection (1) of this section prior to
21 engaging in lobbying, and each time such lobbyist files an updated
22 registration statement in accordance with subsection (1.5) of this section,
23 such individual shall pay a registration fee ~~not to exceed fifty dollars.~~
24 ~~The actual fee to be charged~~ IN AN AMOUNT THAT shall be set by the
25 secretary of state by rule promulgated in accordance with article 4 of this
26 title and shall be set at a level that offsets the costs to the secretary of state
27 of providing electronic access to information pursuant to section 24-6-304

1 (2), and in processing and maintaining the disclosure information required
2 by this part 3, AND IN REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION OF VOLUNTEER
3 LOBBYISTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

4 The secretary of state shall charge a reduced fee to a professional lobbyist
5 that files his or her registration statement pursuant to paragraph (b) of
6 subsection (6.3) of this section. The secretary of state may waive the fee
7 of a ~~registered~~ professional lobbyist for a not-for-profit organization who
8 derives his or her compensation solely from the organization. A
9 volunteer lobbyist ~~as defined in section 24-6-301 (7)~~ shall be exempt from
10 the requirement to pay the registration fee mandated by this paragraph (a).

11 (1.5) ~~A professional~~ EACH lobbyist shall file an updated
12 registration statement on or before July 15 of each year unless at that time
13 he or she is no longer a ~~professional~~ lobbyist. Registration under this
14 subsection (1.5) shall be effective until July 1 of the next year.

15 (2) A ~~registered professional~~ lobbyist shall file disclosure
16 statements as required by section 24-6-302.

17 (3) Consistent with the requirements of subsection (6.3) of this
18 section, a hard copy of all registration statements and disclosure
19 statements of ~~professional~~ ALL lobbyists AND FIRMS ORGANIZED FOR
20 LOBBYING PURPOSES shall be compiled by the secretary of state within
21 thirty days after the end of the calendar month for which such information
22 is filed and shall be organized alphabetically according to the names of
23 the ~~professional~~ lobbyists AND FIRMS.

24 (4) No individual shall act as a ~~professional~~ lobbyist unless he OR
25 SHE has received a certificate of registration as provided in section
26 24-6-305 (1).

27 (5) An individual shall not be considered a ~~professional~~ lobbyist

1 solely because of his OR HER appearance as a witness in rule, standard, or
2 rate-making proceedings.

3 (6) This section shall not apply to any political committee,
4 ~~volunteer lobbyist~~, citizen who lobbies on his OR HER own behalf, state
5 official or employee acting in his OR HER official capacity, except as
6 provided in section 24-6-303.5, or elected public official acting in his OR
7 HER official capacity.

8 **SECTION 4.** The introductory portion to 24-6-303.5 (1) (a) and
9 24-6-303.5 (2) (b) and (3), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to
10 read:

11 **24-6-303.5. Lobbying by state officials and employees.**

12 (1) (a) Each principal department of state government, as defined in
13 section 24-1-110, shall designate one person who shall be responsible for
14 any lobbying of the type defined in section 24-6-301 (3.5) (a) (I) or (3.5)
15 (a) (III) by a state official or employee on behalf of said principal
16 department. All designated persons from the principal departments, as
17 well as any person lobbying, as defined in section 24-6-301 (3.5) (a) (I)
18 or (3.5) (a) (III), on behalf of an institution or governing board of higher
19 education, shall register with the secretary of state by filing a written
20 statement on or before January 15 of each ~~calendar~~ year. Such
21 registration statement shall be on a form prescribed by the secretary of
22 state and shall include the following:

23 (2) (b) Disclosure statements shall be filed within fifteen days
24 after the end of the first calendar month and shall be filed within fifteen
25 days after the end of each subsequent month during the ~~calendar~~ FISCAL
26 year.

27 (3) For purposes of this section, "state official or employee"

1 means an individual who is compensated by a state of Colorado warrant
2 and receives state of Colorado employee benefits except a lobbyist hired
3 on a contract basis if he OR SHE is currently registered under sections
4 24-6-302 and 24-6-303 or a lobbyist who registers as a professional
5 lobbyist pursuant to sections 24-6-302 and 24-6-303.

6 **SECTION 5.** 24-6-304 (2) (a) and (2) (b) (II), Colorado Revised
7 Statutes, are amended to read:

8 **24-6-304. Records - preservation - public inspection -**
9 **electronic access.** (2) (a) Any statement required by this part 3 to be
10 filed with the secretary of state shall be preserved by the secretary of state
11 for a period of five years after the date of filing, shall constitute part of
12 the public records of that office, and shall be open and readily accessible
13 for public inspection. The secretary of state shall implement a computer
14 information system that will allow computer users to cross-reference and
15 review, using the name of a ~~registered professional~~ lobbyist or any other
16 person, any disclosure statement or other written statement filed pursuant
17 to section 24-6-302 and registration statement filed pursuant to section
18 24-6-303 on which the name of such lobbyist or other person appears.

19 (b) No later than January 1, 2002, the secretary of state shall
20 establish, operate, and maintain a web site on the internet, or modify an
21 existing site, that will allow computer users electronic read-only access
22 to the information required to be filed by this part 3 free of charge. All
23 information required to be filed by this part 3 that is filed electronically
24 shall be made available:

25 (II) In a form that allows a computer user to cross-reference and
26 review, using the name of a ~~registered professional~~ lobbyist or any other
27 person, any disclosure statement or other written statement filed pursuant

1 to section 24-6-302 and registration statement filed pursuant to section
2 24-6-303 on which the name of such lobbyist or other person appears.

3 **SECTION 6.** 24-6-305 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
4 amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH to read:

5 **24-6-305. Powers of the secretary of state - granting and**
6 **revoking of certificates - barring from registration - imposition of**
7 **fine - notification of substantial violation.** (1) It is the duty and
8 responsibility of the secretary of state:

9 (e) TO REVOKE THE CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF ANY
10 INDIVIDUAL WHOSE LOBBYING PRIVILEGES BEFORE THE GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED FOLLOWING ACTION ON A WRITTEN
12 COMPLAINT AGAINST THE PERSON IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES ON
13 LOBBYING PRACTICES PROMULGATED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

14 **SECTION 7.** 24-6-305 (2), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
15 amended, and the said 24-6-305 is further amended BY THE ADDITION
16 OF A NEW SUBSECTION, to read:

17 **24-6-305. Powers of the secretary of state - granting and**
18 **revoking of certificates - barring from registration - imposition of**
19 **fine - notification of substantial violation.** (1.5) (a) IN THE CASE OF
20 MISCONDUCT BY AN INDIVIDUAL CULMINATING IN THE REVOCATION OF A
21 CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF
22 PARAGRAPH (b) OR (e) OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, THE
23 SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL ADDITIONALLY INDICATE THE REVOCATION
24 OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION ON THE WEB SITE
25 MAINTAINED BY THE SECRETARY AND SHALL SEND WRITTEN NOTICE OF
26 THE REVOCATION BY UNITED STATES MAIL TO EACH PERSON FOR WHOM
27 THE INDIVIDUAL LOBBIES AS SHOWN ON THE INDIVIDUAL'S REGISTRATION

1 STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-6-303 (1).

2 (b) IN THE CASE OF MISCONDUCT BY AN INDIVIDUAL CULMINATING
3 IN A RESOLUTION OF CENSURE THAT HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS RULES ON LOBBYING PRACTICES, THE
5 SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL SEND A COPY OF THE RESOLUTION BY UNITED
6 STATES MAIL TO EACH PERSON FOR WHOM THE INDIVIDUAL LOBBIES AS
7 SHOWN ON THE INDIVIDUAL'S REGISTRATION STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT
8 TO SECTION 24-6-303 (1).

9 (2) In addition to any other powers conferred by this section, the
10 secretary of state may:

11 (a) Revoke, or suspend for a maximum period of one year, or bar
12 from registration for a maximum period of one year or the remainder of
13 the legislative biennium, whichever is longer, the certificate of
14 registration required by section 24-6-303 for failure to file the reports
15 required by section 24-6-303, ~~or to~~ provide the information required by
16 section 24-6-304.5, OR PAY FULLY ANY PENALTY IMPOSED PURSUANT TO
17 SECTION 24-6-302 (7); but no certificate may be revoked or suspended
18 within thirty days after the failure to file such a report if, prior to the last
19 day for filing such reports, the secretary of state has been informed in
20 writing of extenuating circumstances justifying such failure. Any
21 revocation or suspension of a certificate of registration or bar from
22 registration shall be in accordance with the provisions of article 4 of this
23 title.

24 (b) Adopt rules and regulations in accordance with the provisions
25 of article 4 of this title to define, interpret, implement, and enforce the
26 provisions of this part 3 and to prevent the evasion of the requirements of
27 this part 3;

1 (c) On his OR HER own motion or on the verified complaint of any
2 person, investigate the activities of any person who is or who has
3 allegedly been engaged in lobbying and who may be in violation of the
4 requirements of this part 3;

5 (d) Apply to the district court of the city and county of Denver for
6 the issuance of an order requiring any individual who is believed by the
7 secretary of state to be engaging in lobbying as EITHER a professional OR
8 VOLUNTEER lobbyist as defined in section 24-6-301 without having
9 received a certificate of registration as required by the provisions of
10 section 24-6-303 to produce documentary evidence which is relevant or
11 material or to give testimony which is relevant or material to the matter
12 in question.

13 **SECTION 8. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
14 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
15 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.