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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, AND  
103 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR.

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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

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year and concludes on June 30 of the following calendar 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.

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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 persons acting at his request to prepare for lobbying which in fact  
2 ultimately occurs, provided:

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

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

7 (6.5) "REGISTERED LOBBYIST" MEANS EITHER A PROFESSIONAL  
8 LOBBYIST OR A VOLUNTEER LOBBYIST WHO HAS CHOSEN TO REGISTER  
9 WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF  
10 SECTION 24-6-303.

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

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

21 (2.5) (a) A registered professional lobbyist and any firm organized  
22 for professional lobbying purposes that employs such lobbyist shall file  
23 disclosure statements in accordance with this section. Such a disclosure  
24 statement, in lieu of the contributions described in section 24-6-301 (1.9)  
25 (a) (I), (1.9) (a) (II), and (1.9) (a) (III), shall contain the gross income for  
26 lobbying since the prior month's disclosure statement and the name and  
27 address of any person from whom gross income for lobbying is received

1 totaling one hundred dollars or more.

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

5 (c) Nothing in this subsection (2.5) shall be construed to require  
6 a professional lobbyist or a firm organized for professional lobbying  
7 purposes that is engaged in lobbying for a trade association, public  
8 interest group, or governmental organization to include in the disclosure  
9 statement of such lobbyist or firm any dues, assessments, or fees collected  
10 by such association, group, or organization for lobbying purposes.

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

17 (II) IN THE CASE OF A VOLUNTEER LOBBYIST, A DISCLOSURE  
18 STATEMENT MAY BE FILED WITHIN FIFTEEN DAYS AFTER THE END OF THE  
19 FIRST CALENDAR MONTH IN WHICH THE VOLUNTEER LOBBYIST IS ENGAGED  
20 IN ANY LOBBYING AND MAY BE FILED WITHIN FIFTEEN DAYS AFTER THE  
21 END OF EACH SUBSEQUENT MONTH DURING THE FISCAL YEAR.

22 (b) A cumulative disclosure statement for the entire ~~state~~ fiscal  
23 year shall be filed BY A PROFESSIONAL LOBBYIST OR A FIRM ORGANIZED  
24 FOR PROFESSIONAL LOBBYING PURPOSES on or before July 15 covering the  
25 ~~period from the previous July 1 through the subsequent June 30~~ FISCAL  
26 YEAR immediately preceding the date on which the cumulative disclosure  
27 statement is due. Such disclosure statement shall contain the name of and

1 total gross income for lobbying received from each person for the  
2 previous ~~state~~ fiscal year. If a firm organized for professional lobbying  
3 purposes subcontracts lobbying business to another such firm or  
4 PROFESSIONAL lobbyist, or if a ~~registered~~ professional lobbyist  
5 subcontracts lobbying business to another such firm or lobbyist, only the  
6 firm or PROFESSIONAL lobbyist that receives the business on a subcontract  
7 shall report the information required to be disclosed pursuant to this  
8 subsection (3). The firm or PROFESSIONAL lobbyist that subcontracted the  
9 business to another firm or PROFESSIONAL lobbyist shall describe in an  
10 addendum or supplement to the report required to be filed pursuant to the  
11 provisions of this subsection (3) the total gross income received from  
12 lobbying that is being contemporaneously reported by another firm or  
13 PROFESSIONAL lobbyist.

14 (4) If a person adopts the statement set out in section 24-6-301  
15 (1.9) (b) (II), he OR SHE shall at the same time file a cumulative disclosure  
16 statement for the ~~calendar~~ FISCAL year to date and thereafter shall not  
17 have to file monthly disclosure statements unless he OR SHE subsequently  
18 becomes required to do so by virtue of subsection (3) of this section.

19 (5) This section shall not apply to any political committee,  
20 volunteer lobbyist, citizen who lobbies on his OR HER own behalf, state  
21 official or employee acting in his OR HER official capacity, except as  
22 provided in section 24-6-303.5, or elected public official acting in his OR  
23 HER official capacity, EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF A VOLUNTEER LOBBYIST  
24 WHO HAS ELECTED TO REGISTER BY MEANS OF THE ON-LINE LOBBYIST  
25 REGISTRATION SYSTEM MAINTAINED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
26 PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-6-303.

27 (6) (a) During the period that the general assembly is not in

1 session, a ~~registered~~ professional lobbyist shall notify the secretary of  
2 state in writing within five working days after an oral or written  
3 agreement to engage in lobbying for any person not disclosed in the  
4 registration statement filed pursuant to section 24-6-303 (1). During the  
5 period that the general assembly is in session, a ~~registered~~ professional  
6 lobbyist shall notify the secretary of state after an agreement to engage in  
7 lobbying for any person not disclosed in the registration statement filed  
8 pursuant to section 24-6-303 (1), either by means of the electronic filing  
9 system created in section 24-6-303 (6.3) or by facsimile transmission in  
10 accordance with the following:

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

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

17 (7) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SECTION 24-6-303 (7), in  
18 addition to the criminal penalty provided for in section 24-6-309 (1), the  
19 secretary of state, after proper notification by certified mail, shall impose  
20 an additional penalty of ten dollars per day for each BUSINESS day that a  
21 disclosure statement required to be filed by this section is not filed by the  
22 close of the business day on the day due ~~except that~~ UP TO AND INCLUDING  
23 THE FIRST TEN BUSINESS DAYS ON WHICH THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
24 HAS NOT BEEN FILED AFTER THE DAY DUE. FOR FAILURE TO FILE A  
25 DISCLOSURE STATEMENT REQUIRED TO BE FILED BY THIS SECTION BY THE  
26 CLOSE OF THE ELEVENTH BUSINESS DAY ON WHICH THE DISCLOSURE  
27 STATEMENT HAS NOT BEEN FILED AFTER THE DAY DUE, IN ADDITION TO



1 THE CRIMINAL PENALTY PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 24-6-309 (1), THE  
2 SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL PENALTY OF ONE  
3 HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR EACH DAY THEREAFTER THAT A DISCLOSURE  
4 STATEMENT REQUIRED TO BE FILED BY THIS SECTION IS NOT FILED BY THE  
5 CLOSE OF THE BUSINESS DAY. The secretary of state may excuse ~~such~~ THE  
6 PAYMENT OF ANY penalty IMPOSED BY THIS SUBSECTION (7), OR REDUCE  
7 THE AMOUNT OF ANY PENALTY IMPOSED, for bona fide personal  
8 emergencies. Revenues collected from penalties assessed by the secretary  
9 of state shall be deposited in the department of state cash fund created in  
10 section 24-21-104 (3).

11 **SECTION 3.** 24-6-303 (1), (1.3) (a), (1.5), (2), (3), (4), (5), and  
12 (6), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended, and the said 24-6-303 is  
13 further amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION, to  
14 read:

15 **24-6-303. Registration as professional or volunteer lobbyist -**  
16 **filing of disclosure statements - certificate of registration - legislative**  
17 **declaration.** (1) SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (7) OF  
18 THIS SECTION, any professional lobbyist, before engaging in lobbying,  
19 shall register with the secretary of state ~~pay a fee in accordance with the~~  
20 ~~requirements of subsection (1.3) of this section~~ and file a written or  
21 electronic registration statement that shall contain:

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

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

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

1           (d) The name, address, and telephone number of any person by  
2 whom the professional lobbyist or firm organized for professional  
3 lobbying is paid or is to be paid for such lobbying.

4           (1.3) (a) At the time a professional lobbyist files a registration  
5 statement in accordance with subsection (1) of this section prior to  
6 engaging in lobbying, and each time such lobbyist files an updated  
7 registration statement in accordance with subsection (1.5) of this section,  
8 such individual shall pay a registration fee ~~not to exceed fifty dollars.~~  
9 ~~The actual fee to be charged~~ IN AN AMOUNT THAT shall be set by the  
10 secretary of state by rule promulgated in accordance with article 4 of this  
11 title and shall be set at a level that offsets the costs to the secretary of state  
12 of providing electronic access to information pursuant to section 24-6-304  
13 (2), ~~and~~ in processing and maintaining the disclosure information required  
14 by this part 3, AND IN PERMITTING THE REGISTRATION OF VOLUNTEER  
15 LOBBYISTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION. The  
16 secretary of state shall charge a reduced fee to a professional lobbyist that  
17 files his or her registration statement pursuant to paragraph (b) of  
18 subsection (6.3) of this section. The secretary of state may waive the fee  
19 of a ~~registered~~ professional lobbyist for a not-for-profit organization who  
20 derives his or her compensation solely from the organization. A  
21 volunteer lobbyist ~~as defined in section 24-6-301 (7)~~ shall be exempt from  
22 the requirement to pay the registration fee mandated by this paragraph (a).

23           (1.5) ~~A professional~~ EACH REGISTERED lobbyist shall file an  
24 updated registration statement on or before July 15 of each year unless at  
25 that time he or she is no longer a ~~professional~~ lobbyist. Registration  
26 under this subsection (1.5) shall be effective until July 1 of the next year.

27           (2) A ~~registered~~ professional lobbyist shall file disclosure

1 statements as required by section 24-6-302.

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

9 (4) No individual shall act as a ~~professional~~ lobbyist unless he OR  
10 SHE has received a certificate of registration as provided in section  
11 24-6-305 (1) OR HAS ELECTED TO REGISTER WITH THE CHIEF CLERK OF THE  
12 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF  
13 RULE 36 (C) (2) OF THE JOINT RULES OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF  
14 REPRESENTATIVES.

15 (5) An individual shall not be considered a ~~professional~~ lobbyist  
16 solely because of his OR HER appearance as a witness in rule, standard, or  
17 rate-making proceedings.

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

23 (7) (a) (I) IN THE INTERESTS OF PROMOTING TRANSPARENCY IN  
24 GOVERNMENT TO THE FULLEST DEGREE AND PROVIDING FULL DISCLOSURE  
25 ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES OF VOLUNTEER LOBBYISTS WHO, ALTHOUGH NOT  
26 COMPENSATED AS PROFESSIONAL LOBBYISTS, MAY STILL PLAY A  
27 SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATION, THE GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY HEREBY ENCOURAGES ALL VOLUNTEER LOBBYISTS TO REGISTER  
2 BY MEANS OF THE ON-LINE LOBBYIST REGISTRATION SYSTEM MAINTAINED  
3 BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

4 (II) ANY VOLUNTEER LOBBYIST WHO ELECTS TO REGISTER BY  
5 MEANS OF THE ON-LINE LOBBYIST REGISTRATION SYSTEM MAINTAINED BY  
6 THE SECRETARY OF STATE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE EXEMPT  
7 FROM ANY PENALTY ASSESSED FOR LATE FILING OF A DISCLOSURE  
8 STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 24-6-302 (7).

9 (b) (I) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS  
10 SECTION, IN THE ALTERNATIVE TO REGISTERING BY MEANS OF THE ON-LINE  
11 REGISTRATION SYSTEM MAINTAINED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
12 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, ANY VOLUNTEER LOBBYIST MAY ELECT TO  
13 REGISTER WITH THE CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN  
14 ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF RULE 36 (c) (2) OF THE JOINT  
15 RULES OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

16 (II) ANY VOLUNTEER LOBBYIST WHO ELECTS TO REGISTER WITH  
17 THE CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN ACCORDANCE  
18 WITH THE PROVISIONS OF RULE 36 (c) (2) OF THE JOINT RULES OF THE  
19 SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SHALL PROVIDE HIS OR HER  
20 MAILING ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH  
21 REGISTRATION. A VOLUNTARY LOBBYIST WHO REGISTERS IN THIS MANNER  
22 MAY ALSO PROVIDE THE CHIEF CLERK WITH HIS OR HER ELECTRONIC  
23 MAILING ADDRESS, WHICH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY STRONGLY  
24 ENCOURAGES ALL SUCH VOLUNTEER LOBBYISTS TO PROVIDE.

25 **SECTION 4.** The introductory portion to 24-6-303.5 (1) (a) and  
26 24-6-303.5 (2) (b) and (3), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to  
27 read:

1                   **24-6-303.5. Lobbying by state officials and employees.**

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

13                   (2) (b) Disclosure statements shall be filed within fifteen days  
14 after the end of the first calendar month and shall be filed within fifteen  
15 days after the end of each subsequent month during the ~~calendar~~ FISCAL  
16 year.

17                   (3) For purposes of this section, "state official or employee"  
18 means an individual who is compensated by a state of Colorado warrant  
19 and receives state of Colorado employee benefits except a lobbyist hired  
20 on a contract basis if he OR SHE is currently registered under sections  
21 24-6-302 and 24-6-303 or a lobbyist who registers ~~as a professional~~  
22 ~~lobbyist~~ pursuant to sections 24-6-302 and 24-6-303.

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

25                   **24-6-304. Records - preservation - public inspection -**  
26 **electronic access.** (2) (a) Any statement required by this part 3 to be  
27 filed with the secretary of state shall be preserved by the secretary of state

1 for a period of five years after the date of filing, shall constitute part of  
2 the public records of that office, and shall be open and readily accessible  
3 for public inspection. The secretary of state shall implement a computer  
4 information system that will allow computer users to cross-reference and  
5 review, using the name of a ~~registered professional~~ lobbyist or any other  
6 person, any disclosure statement or other written statement filed pursuant  
7 to section 24-6-302 and registration statement filed pursuant to section  
8 24-6-303 on which the name of such lobbyist or other person appears.

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

15 (II) In a form that allows a computer user to cross-reference and  
16 review, using the name of a ~~registered professional~~ lobbyist or any other  
17 person, any disclosure statement or other written statement filed pursuant  
18 to section 24-6-302 and registration statement filed pursuant to section  
19 24-6-303 on which the name of such lobbyist or other person appears.

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

22 **24-6-305. Powers of the secretary of state - granting and**  
23 **revoking of certificates - barring from registration - imposition of**  
24 **fine - notification of substantial violation.** (1) It is the duty and  
25 responsibility of the secretary of state:

26 (e) TO REVOKE THE CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF ANY  
27 INDIVIDUAL WHOSE LOBBYING PRIVILEGES BEFORE THE GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED FOLLOWING ACTION ON A WRITTEN  
2 COMPLAINT AGAINST THE PERSON IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES ON  
3 LOBBYING PRACTICES PROMULGATED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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

7 **24-6-305. Powers of the secretary of state - granting and**  
8 **revoking of certificates - barring from registration - imposition of**  
9 **fine - notification of substantial violation.** (1.5) (a) IN THE CASE OF  
10 MISCONDUCT BY AN INDIVIDUAL CULMINATING IN THE REVOCATION OF A  
11 CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF  
12 PARAGRAPH (b) OR (e) OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, THE  
13 SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL ADDITIONALLY INDICATE THE REVOCATION  
14 OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION ON THE WEB SITE  
15 MAINTAINED BY THE SECRETARY AND SHALL SEND WRITTEN NOTICE OF  
16 THE REVOCATION BY UNITED STATES MAIL TO EACH PERSON FOR WHOM  
17 THE INDIVIDUAL LOBBIES AS SHOWN ON THE INDIVIDUAL'S REGISTRATION  
18 STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-6-303 (1).

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

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

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

14 (b) Adopt rules and regulations in accordance with the provisions  
15 of article 4 of this title to define, interpret, implement, and enforce the  
16 provisions of this part 3 and to prevent the evasion of the requirements of  
17 this part 3;

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

22 (d) Apply to the district court of the city and county of Denver for  
23 the issuance of an order requiring any individual who is believed by the  
24 secretary of state to be engaging in lobbying as EITHER a professional OR  
25 VOLUNTEER lobbyist as defined in section 24-6-301 without having  
26 received a certificate of registration as required by the provisions of  
27 section 24-6-303 to produce documentary evidence which is relevant or



1 material or to give testimony which is relevant or material to the matter  
2 in question.

3 SECTION 8. 24-6-308, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended  
4 to read:

5 24-6-308. Prohibited practices. (1) No person may ENGAGED  
6 IN LOBBYING SHALL:

7 (a) Make any agreement under which any consideration is to be  
8 given, transferred, or paid to any person contingent upon the passage or  
9 defeat of any legislation; the making or defeat of any rule, standard, or  
10 rate by any state agency; or the approval or veto of any legislation by the  
11 governor of this state;

12 (b) KNOWINGLY ATTEMPT TO DECEIVE, OR MAKE A FALSE  
13 STATEMENT TO, A COVERED OFFICIAL REGARDING ANY MATERIAL FACT  
14 RELATING TO A MATTER THAT IS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF DUTIES OF THE  
15 COVERED OFFICIAL;

16 (c) CONCEAL FROM A COVERED OFFICIAL THE IDENTITY OF THE  
17 PERSON OR ENTITY FOR WHOM THE LOBBYIST IS LOBBYING;

18 (d) KNOWINGLY USE A FICTITIOUS NAME, OR A REAL NAME  
19 WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE PERSON WHOSE NAME IS USED, TO  
20 COMMUNICATE WITH A COVERED OFFICIAL;

21 (e) KNOWINGLY REPRESENT AN INTEREST ADVERSE TO THE  
22 LOBBYIST'S PRINCIPAL WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE CONSENT OF THE  
23 PRINCIPAL AFTER FULL DISCLOSURE BY THE LOBBYIST OF THE ADVERSE  
24 INTEREST;

25 (f) MAKE ANY FORM OF PAYMENT TO A COVERED OFFICIAL AS  
26 COMPENSATION FOR ANY INTEREST IN REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY OR  
27 THE PROVISION OF SERVICES IN EXCESS OF THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION

1 THAT WOULD BE PAID BY A PERSON WHO IS NOT A LOBBYIST FOR SUCH  
2 INTEREST OR SERVICES IN THE ORDINARY COURSE OF BUSINESS;

3 (g) MAKE A LOAN TO A COVERED OFFICIAL OR ENGAGE IN ANY  
4 OTHER TRANSACTION WITH A COVERED OFFICIAL WITH THE INTENTION OF  
5 MAKING THE COVERED OFFICIAL PERSONALLY OBLIGATED TO THE  
6 LOBBYIST;

7 (h) ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE VOTE OF A COVERED OFFICIAL IN  
8 CONNECTION WITH ANY PENDING MATTER BY THREAT OF A POLITICAL  
9 REPRISAL, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION THE PROMISE OF FINANCIAL  
10 SUPPORT OF, OR OPPOSITION TO, THE COVERED OFFICIAL'S CANDIDACY AT  
11 ANY FUTURE ELECTION;

12 (i) SEEK TO INFLUENCE A COVERED OFFICIAL BY COMMUNICATING  
13 WITH THE COVERED OFFICIAL'S EMPLOYER;

14 (j) CAUSE TO BE INTRODUCED, OR INFLUENCE THE INTRODUCTION  
15 OF, ANY BILL, RESOLUTION, AMENDMENT, STANDARD, RULE, OR RATE FOR  
16 THE PURPOSE OF AFTERWARDS BEING EMPLOYED TO SECURE ITS PASSAGE  
17 OR DEFEAT;

18 (k) RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR LOBBYING WHILE SERVING AS A  
19 STATE OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF A  
20 POLITICAL PARTY;

21 (l) MAKE A CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION IN EXCESS OF THE  
22 APPLICABLE LIMITATIONS ESTABLISHED BY LAW OR RULE OR MAKE,  
23 SOLICIT, OR PROMISE TO SOLICIT A CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION DURING THE  
24 PERIOD WHEN LOBBYISTS ARE PROHIBITED FROM MAKING SUCH  
25 CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER SECTION 1-45-105.5, C.R.S.;

26 (m) EMPLOY, SUBCONTRACT, OR PAY COMPENSATION TO A PERSON  
27 FOR LOBBYING WHO HAS NOT REGISTERED AS A LOBBYIST; OR

1           (n) ENGAGE IN ANY OTHER PRACTICE THAT DISCREDITS THE  
2           PRACTICE OF LOBBYING OR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3           (2) ANY PERSON WHO BELIEVES THAT A LOBBYIST HAS COMMITTED  
4           ANY ACT OR OMISSION IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION MAY FILE A  
5           COMPLAINT WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE OR ANY MEMBER OF THE  
6           EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
7           THE PROCEDURES FOR FILING A COMPLAINT AGAINST A LOBBYIST UNDER  
8           THE JOINT RULES OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.  
9           UPON RECEIPT OF A COMPLAINT, THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY ACT UPON  
10          ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION TO ENFORCE GOVERNING LAWS OR  
11          RULES OR MAY REFER THE MATTER TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE  
12          GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

13           **SECTION 9. Appropriation.** In addition to any other  
14          appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the  
15          department of state cash fund created in section 24-21-104 (3) (b),  
16          Colorado Revised Statutes, not otherwise appropriated, to the department  
17          of state, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, the sum of forty-seven  
18          thousand three hundred sixty dollars (\$47,360) cash funds, or so much  
19          thereof as may be necessary, for the implementation of this act.

20           **SECTION 10. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
21          determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
22          preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.