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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

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ALLOWAY, STEFANO, WARD AND BREWSTER, APRIL 19, 2016

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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 19, 2016

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in lobbying disclosure, further  
3 providing for prohibited activities, for penalties and for  
4 registration fees, fund established, system and regulations.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Sections 13A07(f)(2), 13A09(c)(1) and 13A10(c) of  
8 Title 65 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended  
9 to read:

10 § 13A07. Prohibited activities.

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12 (f) Unlawful acts.--

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14 (2) The commission may receive complaints regarding  
15 violations of this subsection. If the commission determines a  
16 violation of this subsection has occurred, the commission,  
17 after investigation, notice and hearing:

18 (i) shall impose an administrative penalty in an

1 amount not to exceed [\$2,000] \$4,000; and

2 (ii) may prohibit a lobbyist from lobbying for  
3 economic consideration for up to five years.

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5 § 13A09. Penalties.

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7 (c) Negligent failure to register or report.--

8 (1) Negligent failure to register or report as required  
9 by this chapter is punishable by an administrative penalty  
10 not exceeding [\$50 for each late day.] the following:

11 (i) For the first 10 late days, \$50 for each late  
12 day.

13 (ii) For each late day after the first 10 late days  
14 through the 20th late day, \$100 for each late day.

15 (iii) For each late day after the first 20 late  
16 days, \$200 for each late day.

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18 § 13A10. Registration fees; fund established; system;

19 regulations.

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21 (c) Computerized filing system.--The following apply:

22 (1) The department shall implement a fully accessible  
23 system to accommodate the use of computerized filing. Each  
24 registrant shall elect on an annual basis whether the  
25 registrant will file all of the documents required by this  
26 chapter either electronically or on paper with the  
27 department.

28 (2) The department shall post all filings on its  
29 publicly accessible Internet website within seven days of  
30 receipt of the filing.

1           (3) If a document is filed electronically, the  
2           department shall issue an electronic receipt to the  
3           registrant that includes a confirmation number and date. The  
4           registrant may rely on the receipt as proof of the time of  
5           filing.

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7           Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.