

HOUSE BILL 1804

By Howell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3,
Chapter 6, Part 3, relative to lobbyists.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 6, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Licensing" means the procedure through which the privilege to engage in a specific profession or occupation is granted by a licensing authority;

(2) "Licensing authority" means an agency, examining board, credentialing board, or other entity with the authority to require a license and the payment of an occupational fee to engage in any profession or occupation;

(3) "Occupational fee" means a fee or tax imposed by a licensing authority for the privilege of engaging in a profession or occupation; and

(4) "Political subdivision" means a municipality, county, or metropolitan government.

(b) On and after July 1, 2018, no licensing authority of this state or any political subdivision shall enter into or renew any contract with a lobbyist or a lobbying firm.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it.