

No. 712

AN ACT

Requiring persons employed or engaged for compensation to advocate the passage or defeat of legislation to submit registration statements, and imposing a penalty.

**Lobbying
Registration Act.**

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

Section 1. Short Title.—This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Lobbying Registration Act.”

Section 2. Definitions.—As used in this act:

(1) “Lobbyist” means any natural person who is employed or engaged, for compensation, by any other person or any partnership, committee, association, corporation or any other organization, to advocate the passage or defeat of legislation by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, except that an officer or employe of the Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof, who acts only in his official capacity, shall not be deemed a lobbyist.

(2) “Legislation” means bills, resolutions, amendments, nominations and other matters pending or proposed in either the House of Representatives or the Senate, including any other matter which may be the subject of action by either House.

Section 3. Registration of Lobbyists Required.—Every lobbyist before advocating the passage or defeat of any legislation shall submit to the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate a registration statement made under oath or affirmation before an officer authorized by law to administer oaths, setting forth the name and business address of the lobbyist, the name and address of the person, partnership, committee, association, corporation or other organization by whom he is employed or engaged, the name and address of the person, partnership, committee, association, corporation or other organization in whose interest he will advocate the passage or defeat of legislation, and the duration of his employment.

Section 4. Revised Statements Required in Certain Cases.—Whenever any of the facts set forth in a registration statement submitted pursuant to section 3 shall change, the lobbyist shall forthwith submit a revised registration statement, in the form and to the officers designated in section 3, setting forth the facts as changed.

Section 5. Limitation upon Validity of Registration Statement.—Each registration statement shall be valid

only for the annual or special session of the General Assembly during which it is filed.

Section 6. **Compilation and Printing of Facts from Registration Statements.**—The facts set forth in registration statements submitted to the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate during each month of each session of the General Assembly shall be compiled by them, acting jointly, and printed within thirty days thereafter in the Appendix.

Section 7. **Penalty.**—Any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500) or to undergo imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both.

Section 8. **Applicability.**—The provisions of this act shall not apply to practices or activities regulated by the act of June 3, 1937 (P. L. 1333), known as the *Pennsylvania Election Code,' nor be construed as repealing any of the provisions of that act.

Section 9. **Effective Date.**—This act shall take effect immediately.

* "Pennsylvania" in original.

APPROVED—The 30th day of September, A. D. 1961.

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