

1 AN ACT
2 RELATING TO LOBBYING; REQUIRING A LOBBYING ACTIVITY REPORT ON
3 THE LEGISLATION LOBBIED AND POSITION TAKEN BY A LOBBYIST AND
4 LOBBYIST'S EMPLOYER; PRESERVING LOBBYING ACTIVITY REPORTS FOR
5 AT LEAST TEN YEARS.

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7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

8 SECTION 1. A new section of the Lobbyist Regulation Act
9 is enacted to read:

10 "LOBBYING ACTIVITY REPORT.--

11 A. A lobbyist or lobbyist's employer that is
12 required to file an expenditure report pursuant to Section
13 2-11-6 NMSA 1978 or registration statement pursuant to
14 Section 2-11-3 NMSA 1978 shall file a lobbying activity
15 report or reports with the secretary of state that discloses
16 the lobbyist's or lobbyist's employer's lobbying activity on
17 legislation that has been introduced, including any lobbying
18 on the development of legislation prior to its introduction
19 in a legislative session, and that identifies the:

20 (1) specific legislation lobbied;

21 (2) lobbyist's and lobbyist's employer's
22 support, opposition or other position taken on the
23 legislation and whether the support, opposition or other
24 position changed; and

25 (3) name of the lobbyist's employer that

1 lobbied on the legislation, either directly or through the
2 registered lobbyist.

3 B. If a lobbyist or lobbyist's employer commences
4 lobbying on legislation after the adjournment of a
5 legislative session, a lobbying activity report shall be
6 filed prior to the end of the time period in which the
7 governor may act on legislation.

8 C. A lobbyist or lobbyist's employer is only
9 required to report lobbying activity on a piece of
10 legislation one time unless the lobbyist's or lobbyist's
11 employer's position on the legislation has changed, in which
12 case the lobbying activity for each change in position shall
13 be reported.

14 D. The lobbying activity report shall be filed in
15 a format as prescribed by rule of the secretary of state
16 within forty-eight hours of commencement of the lobbying
17 activity.

18 E. The lobbying activity reported for each
19 specific piece of legislation shall be included or linked on
20 the legislature's website for that specific piece of
21 legislation."

22 SECTION 2. Section 2-11-7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1977,
23 Chapter 261, Section 7, as amended) is amended to read:

24 "2-11-7. REGISTRATION, EXPENDITURE AND LOBBYING
25 ACTIVITY REPORT--PRESERVATION AS PUBLIC RECORD--ONLINE

1 REPORTS.--

2 A. Each registration, expenditure and lobbying
3 activity report as required by the Lobbyist Regulation Act
4 shall be archived and accessible on the secretary of state's
5 lobbyist disclosure website for a period of at least ten
6 years from the date of filing as a public record, open to
7 public inspection at any reasonable time. Unless an action
8 or prosecution is pending that requires preserving the
9 report, it may be destroyed ten years after the date of
10 filing.

11 B. Lobbyist registration, expenditure and lobbying
12 activity reports shall be kept and maintained on the
13 secretary of state's lobbyist disclosure website and shall be
14 available in searchable and downloadable formats.

15 C. With respect to the secretary of state's
16 lobbyist disclosure website, all items in the records shall
17 be easily searchable, sortable and downloadable by the public
18 to the extent technically practicable.

19 D. The secretary of state shall ensure that
20 contributions reported by persons pursuant to the Lobbyist
21 Regulation Act are reported in a manner that is
22 nonduplicative and as consistent as practicable with the
23 reporting requirements of the Campaign Reporting Act. To the
24 extent possible, the electronic reporting system used for
25 registration and reporting required by the Lobbyist

1 Regulation Act shall be integrated with the electronic
2 reporting system used for compliance with the Campaign
3 Reporting Act.

4 E. Reporting individuals under the Campaign
5 Reporting Act shall receive automatic electronic notice of
6 the contributions to them reported by lobbyists and
7 lobbyists' employers within twenty-four hours of the filing
8 of each expenditure report."

9 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
10 provisions of this act is January 1, 2027. _____

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