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HOUSE BILL NO. 830

Offered January 24, 2000

A BILL to amend and reenact § 2.1-786 of the Code of Virginia, relating to reports by lobbyists.

Patrons—Nixon, Albo, Blevins, Bolvin, Broman, Byron, Callahan, Devolites, Drake, Dudley, Hargrove, Ingram, Katzen, Kilgore, Landes, Louderback, McClure, Melvin, O'Brien, Purkey, Ruff, Suit and Wardrup; Senators: Hanger, Rerras, Schrock and Ticer

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 2.1-786 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 2.1-786. Lobbyist reporting.

A. Each lobbyist shall file a separate annual report of expenditures, including gifts, for each principal for whom he lobbies by July 1 for the preceding twelve-month period complete through April 30.

B. Each principal who expends more than \$500 to employ or compensate multiple lobbyists shall be responsible for filing a consolidated lobbyist report pursuant to this section in any case in which the lobbyists are each exempt under the provisions of subdivision 7 or 8 of § 2.1-781 from the reporting requirements of this section.

C. The report shall be on a form provided by the Secretary of the Commonwealth which shall be substantially as follows and shall be accompanied by instructions provided by the Secretary.

LOBBYIST'S DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

PART I:

(1) PRINCIPAL:

In Part I, item 2a, provide the name of the individual authorizing your employment as a lobbyist. The lobbyist filing this statement MAY NOT list his name in item 2a. THE INDIVIDUAL LISTED IN PART I, ITEM 2A, MUST SIGN THE PRINCIPAL'S STATEMENT.

(2a) Name:

(2b) Permanent Business Address:

(2c) Business Telephone:

(3) Provide a list of executive and legislative actions (with as much specificity as possible) for which you lobbied and a description of activities conducted.

(4) INCORPORATED FILINGS: If you are filing an incorporated disclosure statement, please complete the following:

Individual filing financial information:

Individuals to be included in the filing:

(5) Please indicate which schedules will be attached to your disclosure statement:

[] Schedule A: Entertainment Expenses

[] Schedule B: Gifts

[] Schedule C: Other Expenses

(6) EXPENDITURE TOTALS:

a) ENTERTAINMENT.....\$.....

b) GIFTS.....\$.....

c) OFFICE EXPENSES.....\$.....

d) COMMUNICATIONS.....\$.....

e) PERSONAL LIVING AND TRAVEL EXPENSES.....\$.....

f) COMPENSATION OF LOBBYISTS.....\$.....

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57 h) REGISTRATION COSTS.....\$.....
 58 i) OTHER.....\$.....
 59 TOTAL.....\$.....

60 PART II:

61 (1a) NAME OF LOBBYIST:
 62 (1b) Permanent Business Address:
 63 (1c) Business Telephone:
 64 (2) As a lobbyist, you are (check one)
 65 [] EMPLOYED (on the payroll of the principal)
 66 [] RETAINED (not on the payroll of the principal,
 67 however compensated)
 68 [] NOT COMPENSATED (not compensated; expenses may be
 69 reimbursed)
 70 (3) List all lobbyists other than yourself who registered to
 71 represent your principal.
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 75 (4) If you selected "EMPLOYED" as your answer to Part II, item 2,
 76 provide your job title.
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 78 (5) If you selected "NOT COMPENSATED" as your answer to Part II,
 79 item 2, please indicate why you received no compensation.
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83 PLEASE NOTE: Some lobbyists are not individually compensated for
 84 lobbying activities. This may occur when several members of a firm
 85 represent a single principal. The principal, in turn, makes a
 86 single payment to the firm. If this describes your situation, do
 87 not answer Part II, items 6a and 6b. Instead, complete Part III,
 88 items 1 and 2.

89 (6a) What was the DOLLAR AMOUNT OF YOUR COMPENSATION as a lobbyist?
 90 (If you have job responsibilities other than those involving
 91 lobbying, you may have to prorate to determine the part
 92 of your salary attributable to your lobbying activities.)
 93 Transfer your answer to this item to Part I, item 6f.
 94 (6b) Explain how you arrived at your answer to Part II, item 6a.
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98 PART III:

99 PLEASE NOTE: If you answered Part II, items 6a and 6b, you WILL NOT
 100 complete this section.

101 (1) List all members of your firm, organization, association,
 102 corporation, or other entity who furnished lobbying services to
 103 your principal.
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 107 (2) Indicate the total amount paid to your firm, organization,
 108 association, corporation or other entity for services rendered.
 109 Transfer your answer to this item to Part I, item 6f.

110 SCHEDULE A

111 ENTERTAINMENT EXPENSES

112 PLEASE NOTE: Any single entertainment event included in the expense
 113 totals of the principal, with a value greater than \$50, should be

itemized below. Transfer any totals from this schedule to Part I,
 item 6a. (Please duplicate as needed.)
 Date and Location of Event:

 Description of Event:

 Number of Legislative and Executive Officials Invited:

 Number of Legislative and Executive Officials Attending:

 Names of Legislative and Executive Officials Attending: (List names
 only if the average value for each person attending the event was
 greater the \$50.)

 Food.....\$.....
 Beverages.....\$.....
 Transportation of Legislative and Executive
 Officials.....\$.....
 Lodging of Legislative and Executive Officials.....\$.....
 Performers, Speakers, Etc.....\$.....
 Displays.....\$.....
 Rentals.....\$.....
 Service Personnel.....\$.....
 Miscellaneous.....\$.....
 TOTAL.....\$.....

SCHEDULE B

GIFTS

PLEASE NOTE: Any single gift reported in the expense totals of the
 principal, with a value greater than \$25, should be itemized below.
 (Report meals, entertainment and travel under Schedule A.) Transfer
 any totals from this schedule to Part I, item 6b. (Please duplicate
 as needed.)

| Date of gift: | Description of gift: | Name of each legislative or executive official who is a recipient of a gift: | Cost of individual gift: |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| | | | \$..... |
| | | | \$..... |
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| | | | \$..... |
| TOTAL COST TO PRINCIPAL..... | | | \$..... |

SCHEDULE C

OTHER EXPENSES

PLEASE NOTE: This section is provided for any lobbying-related
 expenses not covered in Part I, items 6a - 6h. An example of an
 expenditure to be listed on Schedule C would be the rental of a bill
 box during the General Assembly session. Transfer the total from

170 this schedule to Part I, item 6i. (Please duplicate as needed.)

| 171 | DATE OF EXPENSE | DESCRIPTION OF EXPENSE | AMOUNT |
|-----|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------|
| 172 | | | \$..... |
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| 181 | TOTAL "OTHER" EXPENSES..... | | \$..... |

182 PART IV: STATEMENTS

183 Both the lobbyist and principal officer must sign the disclosure
 184 statement, attesting to its completeness and accuracy. The following
 185 items are mandatory and if they are not properly completed, the
 186 entire filing will be rejected and returned to the lobbyist:

187 (1) All signatures on the statement must be *ELECTRONIC* or ORIGINAL.

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 189 No facsimiles, stamps, or other reproductions of the individual's
 190 signature will be accepted.

191 (2) An individual MAY NOT sign the disclosure statement as lobbyist
 192 and principal officer.

193 194 STATEMENT OF LOBBYIST

195 I, the undersigned registered lobbyist, do state that the information
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 197 furnished on this disclosure statement and on all accompanying
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 199 attachments required to be made thereto is, to the best of my
 200
 201 knowledge and belief, complete and accurate.

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 203 Signature of lobbyist
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 205 Date

206 207 STATEMENT OF PRINCIPAL

208 I, the undersigned principal (or an authorized official thereof), do
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 210 state that the information furnished on this disclosure statement and
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 212 on all accompanying attachments required to be made thereto is, to
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 214 the best of my knowledge and belief, complete and accurate.

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 216 Signature of principal
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 218 Date

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 220 D. A person who signs the disclosure statement knowing it to contain a material misstatement of fact
 221 shall be guilty of a Class 5 felony.

222 E. Each lobbyist shall send to each legislative and executive official who is required to be identified
 223 by name on Schedule A or B of the Lobbyist's Disclosure Form a copy of Schedule A or B or a
 224 summary of the information pertaining to that official. Copies or summaries shall be provided to the
 225 official by January 5 for the preceding twelve-month period complete through December 31.