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HOUSE BILL NO. 665

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 2.2-426 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 24.2-947.10, relating to the more timely disclosure of gifts and contributions.*

Patrons—Surovell and LeMunyon

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 2.2-426 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 24.2-947.10 as follows:

§ 2.2-426. Lobbyist reporting; penalty.

A. Each lobbyist shall file a separate annual report of expenditures, including gifts, for each principal for whom he lobbies by ~~July~~ November 1 for the preceding 12-month period complete through ~~April~~ August 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 § 2.2-420 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.
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(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:
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(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 \$

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56 f) COMPENSATION OF LOBBYISTS \$
57 g) HONORARIA \$
58 h) REGISTRATION COSTS \$
59 i) OTHER \$
60 TOTAL \$

61 PART II:

62 (1a) NAME OF LOBBYIST:
63 (1b) Permanent Business Address:
64 (1c) Business Telephone:
65 (2) As a lobbyist, you are (check one)
66 [] EMPLOYED (on the payroll of the principal)
67 [] RETAINED (not on the payroll of the principal, however
68 compensated)
69 [] NOT COMPENSATED (not compensated; expenses may be 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 PLEASE NOTE: Some lobbyists are not individually compensated for
79 lobbying activities. This may occur when several members of a firm
80 represent a single principal. The principal, in turn, makes a single
81 payment to the firm. If this describes your situation, do not answer
82 Part II, items 5a and 5b. Instead, complete Part III, items 1 and 2.

83 (5a) What was the DOLLAR AMOUNT OF YOUR COMPENSATION as a lobbyist?
84 (If you have job responsibilities other than those involving
85 lobbying, you may have to prorate to determine the part of your
86 salary attributable to your lobbying activities.) Transfer your
87 answer to this item to Part I, item 6f.

88 (5b) Explain how you arrived at your answer to Part II, item 5a.

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92 PART III:

93 PLEASE NOTE: If you answered Part II, items 5a and 5b, you WILL NOT
94 complete this section.

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

104 SCHEDULE A

105 ENTERTAINMENT EXPENSES

106 PLEASE NOTE: Any single entertainment event included in the expense
107 totals of the principal, with a value greater than \$50, should be
108 itemized below. Transfer any totals from this schedule to Part I,
109 item 6a. (Please duplicate as needed.)

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169 TOTAL "OTHER" EXPENSES \$

170 PART IV: STATEMENTS

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

175 (1) All signatures on the statement must be ORIGINAL in the format
176 specified in the instructions provided by the Secretary that
177 accompany this form. No stamps, or other reproductions of the
178 individual's signature will be accepted.

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

181 STATEMENT OF LOBBYIST

182 I, the undersigned registered lobbyist, do state that the information
183 furnished on this disclosure statement and on all accompanying
184 attachments required to be made thereto is, to the best of my
185 knowledge and belief, complete and accurate.

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187 Signature of lobbyist

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190 Date

191 STATEMENT OF PRINCIPAL

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

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197 Signature of principal

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200 Date

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

203 E. Each lobbyist shall send to each legislative and executive official who is required to be identified
204 by name on Schedule A or B of the Lobbyist's Disclosure Form a copy of Schedule A or B or a
205 summary of the information pertaining to that official. Copies or summaries shall be provided to the
206 official by December 15 for the preceding 12-month period complete through November 30.

207 § 24.2-947.10. *Special report required of certain large pre-session contributions.*

208 A. *Any single contribution of \$500 or more for a General Assembly office knowingly received or*
209 *reported by the candidate or his treasurer on and after January 1 and before the commencement of the*
210 *regular session of the General Assembly in that year shall be reported in writing as provided in*
211 *§§ 24.2-947.4 and 24.2-947.5 or electronically pursuant to § 24.2-946.1, and the report shall be*
212 *received by the State Board by 5:00 p.m. on the day following receipt of the contribution, or for a*
213 *contribution received on a Saturday by 5:00 p.m. on the following Monday. However, any such*
214 *contribution received within the 24 hours prior to the commencement of the session shall be reported*
215 *and a report thereof received prior to, or within one hour after, the commencement of the session.*

216 B. *Any contribution reported pursuant to this section shall also be reported on the report required by*
217 *this article to be filed on January 15 of the same year.*