

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

An Act to amend and reenact § 2.1-786 of the Code of Virginia, relating to lobbyist's disclosure statement and reporting.

[H 2431]

Approved

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 ending May 1.

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.

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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.....\$.....
- f) COMPENSATION OF LOBBYISTS.....\$.....
- g) HONORARIA.....\$.....
- h) REGISTRATION COSTS.....\$.....
- i) OTHER.....\$.....
- TOTAL.....\$.....

PART II:

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 111 (1a) NAME OF LOBBYIST:
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 114 (1b) Permanent Business Address:
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 117 (1c) Business Telephone:
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 120 (2) As a lobbyist, you are (check one)
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 125 [] RETAINED (not on the payroll of the principal,
 126 however compensated)
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 128 [] NOT COMPENSATED (not compensated; expenses may be
 129 reimbursed)
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 134 (3) List all lobbyists other than yourself who registered to
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 145 (4) If you selected "EMPLOYED" as your answer to Part II, item 2,
 146 provide your job title.
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 152 (5) If you selected "NOT COMPENSATED" as your answer to Part II,
 153 item 2, please indicate why you received no compensation.
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 163 PLEASE NOTE: Some lobbyists are not individually compensated for
 164 lobbying activities. This may occur when several members of a firm
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represent a single principal. The principal, in turn, makes a single payment to the firm. If this describes your situation, do not answer Part II, items 6a and 6b. Instead, complete Part III, items 1 and 2.

(6a) What was the DOLLAR AMOUNT OF YOUR COMPENSATION as a lobbyist? (If you have job responsibilities other than those involving lobbying, you may have to prorate to determine the part of your salary attributable to your lobbying activities.)

Transfer your answer to this item to Part I, item 6f.

(6b) Explain how you arrived at your answer to Part II, item 6a.

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PART III:

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

(1) List all members of your firm, organization, association, corporation, or other entity who furnished lobbying services to your principal.

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(2) Indicate the total amount paid to your firm, organization, association, corporation or other entity for services rendered. Transfer your answer to this item to Part I, item 6f.....

SCHEDULE A

ENTERTAINMENT EXPENSES

PLEASE NOTE: Any single entertainment event included in the expense totals of the principal, greater than or equal to a total of \$100, should be itemized below. Transfer any totals from this schedule to Part I, item 6a. (Please duplicate as needed.)

Date and Location of Event:

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Number of Reportable Guests Invited:

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Description of Entertainment:

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Food.....\$.....

Beverages.....\$.....

Transportation of Guests.....\$.....

Lodging of Guests.....\$.....

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, greater than or equal to \$25, should be itemized below. Transfer any totals from this schedule to Part I, item 6b. (Please duplicate as needed.)

Date of Gift:

 Description of Gift:

Specific Name of Each Recipient of Gift:

 Cost of Individual Gift:

 Number of Reportable Persons Accepting:

 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

| DATE OF EXPENSE | DESCRIPTION OF EXPENSE | AMOUNT |
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| TOTAL "OTHER" EXPENSES..... | | \$..... |

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

- STATEMENT OF LOBBYIST

I, the undersigned registered lobbyist, do state that the information furnished on this disclosure statement and on all accompanying attachments required to be made thereto is, to the best

of my knowledge and belief, complete and accurate.

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Signature of lobbyist

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Date

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPAL

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

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Signature of principal

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Date

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

2. That the provisions of this act shall be applicable to lobbyists' disclosure statements filed for periods ending May 1, 1998, and thereafter, and to the reports due by July 1, 1998, and thereafter.