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A BILL to amend and reenact § 2.1-786 of the Code of Virginia, relating to lobbyist disclosure and report forms.

Patron—Watkins

Referred to the Committee on General Laws

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 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.....\$.....

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57 e) PERSONAL LIVING AND TRAVEL EXPENSES.....\$.....  
58 f) COMPENSATION OF LOBBYISTS.....\$.....  
59 g) HONORARIA.....\$.....  
60 h) REGISTRATION COSTS.....\$.....  
61 i) OTHER.....\$.....  
62 TOTAL.....\$.....  
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## 64 PART II:

65 (1a) NAME OF LOBBYIST: .....  
66 (1b) Permanent Business Address: .....  
67 (1c) Business Telephone: .....  
68 (2) As a lobbyist, you are (check one)  
69 [ ] EMPLOYED (on the payroll of the principal)  
70 [ ] RETAINED (not on the payroll of the principal,  
71 however compensated)  
72 [ ] NOT COMPENSATED (not compensated; expenses may be  
73 reimbursed)  
74 (3) List all lobbyists other than yourself who registered to  
75 represent your principal.  
76 .....  
77 .....  
78 .....  
79 (4) If you selected "EMPLOYED" as your answer to Part II, item 2,  
80 provide your job title.  
81 .....  
82 (5) If you selected "NOT COMPENSATED" as your answer to Part II,  
83 item 2, please indicate why you received no compensation.  
84 .....  
85 .....  
86 .....

87 PLEASE NOTE: Some lobbyists are not individually compensated for  
88 lobbying activities. This may occur when several members of a firm  
89 represent a single principal. The principal, in turn, makes a  
90 single payment to the firm. If this describes your situation, do  
91 not answer Part II, items 6a and 6b. Instead, complete Part III,  
92 items 1 and 2.

93 (6a) What was the DOLLAR AMOUNT OF YOUR COMPENSATION as a lobbyist?  
94 (If you have job responsibilities other than *those* involving  
95 lobbying, you may have to prorate to determine the ~~those~~ part  
96 of your salary attributable to your lobbying activities.)  
97 Transfer your answer to this item to Part I, item 6f.  
98 (6b) Explain how you arrived at your answer to Part II, item 6a.  
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100 .....  
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## 103 PART III:

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

106 (1) List all members of your firm, organization, association,  
107 corporation, or other entity who furnished lobbying services to  
108 your principal.  
109 .....  
110 .....  
111 .....  
112 (2) Indicate the total amount paid to your firm, organization,  
113 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, 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:

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Description of Event:

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Number of Legislative and Executive Officials Invited:

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Number of Legislative and Executive Officials Attending:

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Names of Legislative and Executive Officials Attending: (You are not required to list names for any event attended by more than 10 legislative and executive officials.)

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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:
.....	.....	.....	\$.....
.....	.....	.....	\$.....
.....	.....	.....	\$.....
.....	.....	.....	\$.....

170 ..... \$.....  
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172 TOTAL COST TO PRINCIPAL..... \$.....  
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174 SCHEDULE C  
175 OTHER EXPENSES

176 PLEASE NOTE: This section is provided for any lobbying-related  
177 expenses not covered in Part I, items 6a - 6h. An example of an  
178 expenditure to be listed on Schedule C would be the rental of a bill  
179 box during the General Assembly session. Transfer the total from  
180 this schedule to Part I, item 6i. (Please duplicate as needed.)  
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182	DATE OF EXPENSE	DESCRIPTION OF EXPENSE	AMOUNT
183	.....	.....	\$.....
184	.....	.....	\$.....
185	.....	.....	\$.....
186	.....	.....	\$.....
187	.....	.....	\$.....
188	.....	.....	\$.....
189	.....	.....	\$.....
190	.....	.....	\$.....
191	.....	.....	\$.....
192	TOTAL "OTHER" EXPENSES.....		\$.....

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194 PART IV: STATEMENTS

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

- 199 (1) All signatures on the statement must be ORIGINAL. No  
200 facsimiles, stamps, or other reproductions of the individual's  
201 signature will be accepted.  
202 (2) An individual MAY NOT sign the disclosure statement as lobbyist  
203 and principal officer.  
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206 STATEMENT OF LOBBYIST

207 I, the undersigned registered lobbyist, do state that the information  
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209 furnished on this disclosure statement and on all accompanying  
210  
211 attachments required to be made thereto is, to the best of my  
212  
213 knowledge and belief, complete and accurate.

214 .....  
215 Signature of lobbyist

216 .....  
217 Date  
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219  
220 STATEMENT OF PRINCIPAL

221 I, the undersigned principal (or an authorized official thereof), do  
222  
223 state that the information furnished on this disclosure statement and  
224  
225 on all accompanying attachments required to be made thereto is, to  
226

227 the best of my knowledge and belief, complete and accurate.

228 .....

229 Signature of principal

230 .....

231 Date

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

235 E. Each lobbyist shall send to each legislative and executive official who is required to be identified  
236 by name on Schedule A or B of the Lobbyist's Disclosure Form a copy of Schedule A or B or a  
237 summary of the information pertaining to that official. Copies or summaries shall be provided to the  
238 official twice a year: by July 1 for the preceding ~~five~~ *four*-month period ~~ending May 1~~ *complete through*  
239 *April 30*; and by January 5 for the preceding ~~seven~~ *eight*-month period ~~ending~~ *complete through*  
240 December 31.

241 **2. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.**