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SENATE BILL NO. 498

Offered January 25, 1994

A *BILL* to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Title 2.1 a chapter numbered 48, consisting of sections numbered 2.1-769 through 2.1-784, relating to lobbying to influence legislation and executive orders.

Patrons—Calhoun, Andrews, Gartlan and Woods; Delegates: Croshaw, Diamonstein and Way

Referred to the Committee on General Laws

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Title 2.1 a chapter numbered 48, consisting of sections numbered 2.1-769 through 2.1-784, as follows:

CHAPTER 48.

LOBBYING DISCLOSURE AND REGULATION ACT.

§ 2.1-769. *Statement of intent and purposes.*

The General Assembly finds and declares the following:

1. *The operation of open and responsible government requires the fullest opportunity to be afforded to the people to petition their government for the redress of grievances and to express freely their opinions on legislation and executive actions.*

2. *The identity and expenditures of certain persons who attempt to influence executive and legislative actions with respect to legislation and executive orders should be publicly identified to preserve and maintain the integrity of government.*

§ 2.1-770. *Definitions.*

As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:

"Anything of value" means:

1. *A pecuniary item, including money, or a bank bill or note;*
2. *A promissory note, bill of exchange, order, draft, warrant, check, or bond given for the payment of money;*

3. *A contract, agreement, promise, or other obligation for an advance, conveyance, forgiveness of indebtedness, deposit, distribution, loan, payment, gift, pledge, or transfer of money;*

4. *A stock, bond, note, or other investment interest in an entity;*

5. *A receipt given for the payment of money or other property;*

6. *A right in action;*

7. *A gift, tangible good, chattel, or an interest in a gift, tangible good, or chattel;*

8. *A loan or forgiveness of indebtedness;*

9. *A work of art, antique, or collectible;*

10. *An automobile or other means of personal transportation;*

11. *Real property or an interest in real property, including title to realty, a fee simple or partial interest, present or future, contingent or vested within realty, a leasehold interest, or other beneficial interest in realty;*

12. *An honorarium or compensation for services;*

13. *A rebate or discount in the price of anything of value unless the rebate or discount is made in the ordinary course of business to a member of the public without regard to that person's status as an executive or legislative official, or the sale or trade of something for reasonable compensation that would ordinarily not be available to a member of the public;*

14. *A promise or offer of employment; or*

15. *Any other thing of value that is pecuniary or compensatory in value to a person.*

"Anything of value" does not mean a campaign contribution properly received and reported pursuant to Chapter 9 (§ 24.2-900 et seq.) of Title 24.2.

"Compensation" means:

1. *An advance, conveyance, forgiveness of indebtedness, deposit, distribution, loan, payment, gift, pledge, or transfer of money or anything of value; or*

2. *A contract, agreement, promise or other obligation for an advance, conveyance, forgiveness of indebtedness, deposit, distribution, loan, payment, gift, pledge, or transfer of money or anything of value, for services rendered or to be rendered.*

"Compensation" does not mean reimbursement of expenses if the reimbursement does not exceed the amount actually expended for the expenses and it is substantiated by an itemization of expenses.

"Executive action" means the proposal, drafting, development, consideration, amendment, adoption,

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60 approval, promulgation, issuance, modification, rejection, or postponement by an executive agency or
61 official of legislation or executive orders.

62 "Executive agency" means an agency, board, commission, or other body in the executive branch of
63 state government. "Executive agency" includes the State Corporation Commission, the Virginia
64 Department of Workers' Compensation, and the State Lottery Department.

65 "Executive official" means:

66 1. The Governor;
67 2. The Lieutenant Governor;
68 3. The Attorney General;
69 4. Any officer or employee of the office of the Governor or Lieutenant Governor other than a clerical
70 or secretarial employee;

71 5. The Governor's Secretaries, the Deputy Secretaries, and the chief executive officer of each
72 executive agency; and

73 6. Members of supervisory and policy boards, commissions and councils, as defined in § 9-6.25,
74 however selected; and members of the State Corporation Commission, the Virginia Workers'
75 Compensation Commission, and the State Lottery Board.

76 "Expenditure" means:

77 1. A purchase, payment, distribution, loan, forgiveness of a loan or payment of a loan by a third
78 party, advance, deposit, transfer of funds, a promise to make a payment, or a gift of money or anything
79 of value for any purpose;

80 2. A payment to a lobbyist for salary, fee, reimbursement for expenses, or other purpose by a person
81 employing, retaining, or contracting for the services of the lobbyist separately or jointly with other
82 persons;

83 3. A payment in support of or assistance to a lobbyist or the lobbyist's activities, including the direct
84 payment of expenses incurred at the request or suggestion of the lobbyist;

85 4. A payment that directly benefits an executive or legislative official or a member of the official's
86 immediate family;

87 5. A payment, including compensation, payment, or reimbursement for the services, time, or expenses
88 of an employee for or in connection with direct communication with an executive or legislative official;

89 6. A payment for or in connection with soliciting or urging other persons to enter into direct
90 communication with an executive or legislative official;

91 7. A payment or reimbursement for categories of expenditures required to be reported pursuant to
92 this chapter.

93 "Expenditure" does not mean a campaign contribution properly received and reported pursuant to
94 Chapter 9 (§ 24.2-900 et seq.) of Title 24.2 .

95 "Gift" means anything of value to the extent that a consideration of equal or greater value is not
96 received.

97 "Gift" does not mean:

98 1. Printed informational or promotional material;

99 2. A gift that is not used and, no later than thirty days after receipt, is returned to the donor or
100 delivered to a charitable organization and is not claimed as a charitable contribution for federal income
101 tax purposes;

102 3. A gift, devise, or inheritance from an individual's spouse, child, parent, grandparent, brother,
103 sister, parent-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, nephew, niece, aunt, uncle, or first cousin or the
104 spouse of that individual, if the donor is not acting as the agent or intermediary for someone other than
105 a person covered by this subdivision; or

106 4. A gift of a value of \$25 or less.

107 "Immediate family" means (i) the spouse and (ii) any other person who resides in the same
108 household as the executive or legislative official and is the dependent of the official.

109 "Legislative action" means:

110 1. Preparation, research, drafting, introduction, consideration, modification, amendment, approval,
111 passage, enactment, tabling, postponement, defeat, or rejection of a bill, resolution, amendment, motion,
112 report, nomination, appointment, or other matter by the General Assembly or a legislative official;

113 2. Action by the Governor in approving, vetoing, or recommending amendments for a bill passed by
114 the General Assembly; or

115 3. Action by the General Assembly in overriding or sustaining a veto by the Governor, considering
116 amendments recommended by the Governor, or considering, confirming, or rejecting an appointment of
117 the Governor.

118 "Legislative official" means:

119 1. A member or member-elect of the General Assembly; or

120 2. A member of a committee, subcommittee, commission or other entity established by and
121 responsible to the General Assembly or either house of the General Assembly.

122 "Lobbying" means:

123 1. Influencing or attempting to influence executive or legislative action through oral or written

124 communication with an executive or legislative official; or

125 2. Solicitation of others to influence an executive or legislative official.

126 "Lobbying" does not mean:

127 1. Requests for appointments, information on the status of pending executive and legislative actions,

128 or other ministerial contacts if there is no attempt to influence executive or legislative actions;

129 2. Responses to published notices soliciting public comment submitted to the public official

130 designated in the notice to receive the responses.

131 "Lobbyist" means an individual who is:

132 1. Employed and receives payments, or who contracts for economic consideration, including

133 reimbursement for reasonable travel and living expenses, for the purpose of lobbying;

134 2. An individual who represents an organization, association, or other group for the purpose of

135 lobbying; or

136 3. A local government employee who lobbies.

137 "Lobbyist's principal" or "principal" means the entity on whose behalf the lobbyist influences or

138 attempts to influence executive or legislative action. An organization whose employees conduct lobbying

139 activities on its behalf is both a principal and an employer of the lobbyists. In the case of a coalition or

140 association that employs or retains others to conduct lobbying activities on behalf of its membership, the

141 principal is the coalition or association and not its individual members.

142 "Person" means an individual, proprietorship, firm, partnership, joint venture, joint stock company,

143 syndicate, business trust, estate, company, corporation, association, club, committee, organization, or

144 group of persons acting in concert.

145 "Value" means the retail cost or fair market worth of an item or items, whichever is greater.

146 § 2.1-771. Exemptions.

147 The registration and reporting provisions of this chapter do not apply to:

148 1. The Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and their immediate staffs; or the

149 Governor's Secretaries and their immediate staffs, acting in an official capacity;

150 2. Members of the General Assembly and other legislative officials and legislative employees acting

151 in an official capacity;

152 3. Local elected officials acting in an official capacity;

153 4. Any employee of the state executive branch acting in an official capacity;

154 5. A duly elected or appointed official or employee of the United States acting in an official

155 capacity;

156 6. An individual who limits lobbying solely to (i) formal testimony before a public meeting of an

157 executive agency or legislative body and registers the appearance in the records of the agency or body

158 and (ii) testimony and information compelled by action of an executive agency or legislative body;

159 7. A person who receives \$500 or less in compensation and reimbursements, excluding personal

160 living and travel expenses, in a calendar year for his lobbying activities; and

161 8. A person who receives no compensation or anything of value for lobbying, and does not expend

162 more than \$500 in lobbying in the calendar year.

163 § 2.1-772. Registration requirements.

164 A. A lobbyist shall register with the Secretary of the Commonwealth prior to engaging in lobbying. A

165 lobbyist who engages in lobbying entirely outside the capital city shall comply with this section by

166 registering with the Secretary within fifteen days after first engaging in lobbying. A lobbyist shall obtain

167 an identification card as provided in § 2.1-774.

168 B. The chief administrative officer of each county and municipality shall register with the Secretary

169 of the Commonwealth and file a consolidated statement pursuant to § 2.1-773 for any public employees

170 of the county or municipality who will act as lobbyists on its behalf and shall obtain the identification

171 cards for such employees. No registration fee shall be required. The reporting requirements of § 2.1-776

172 shall not apply to the public employees who lobby on behalf of a county or municipality. Each locality

173 shall maintain an official record of its lobbying expenditures which would be reportable pursuant to

174 § 2.1-776, which record shall be open to inspection and copying as provided in the Virginia Freedom of

175 Information Act (§ 2.1-340 et seq.).

176 § 2.1-773. Contents of registration statement.

177 A. The registration statement shall be on a form provided by the Secretary of the Commonwealth and

178 include the following information:

179 1. The name and business address and telephone number of the lobbyist;

180 2. The name and business address and telephone number of the person who will keep custody of the

181 lobbyist's and the lobbyist's principal's accounts and records required to comply with this chapter, and

182 the location and telephone number for the place where the accounts and records are kept;

- 183 3. The name and business address and telephone number of the lobbyist's principal;
184 4. The kind of business of the lobbyist's principal;
185 5. For each principal, the full name of the individual to whom the lobbyist reports;
186 6. For each principal, a statement whether the lobbyist is employed or retained and whether
187 exclusively for the purpose of lobbying;
188 7. The position held by the lobbyist if he is a part-time or full-time employee of the principal;
189 8. The full name and business address and telephone number of each lobbyist employed by or
190 representing the lobbyist's principal;
191 9. An identification of the subject matter (with as much specificity as possible) with regard to which
192 the lobbyist or lobbyist's principal will engage in lobbying;
193 10. The name and business address and telephone number of any legislative or executive official, and
194 any member of his immediate family, who is employed by, or has a personal interest in, the lobbyist or
195 the lobbyist's principal. "Personal interest" means a personal interest as defined in § 2.1-639.2; and
196 11. The signed statement by the lobbyist that the information contained on the registration statement
197 is true and correct.
- 198 B. Whenever any change, modification or addition to his status as a lobbyist is made, the lobbyist
199 shall, within one week of such change, modification or addition, furnish full information regarding the
200 same to the Secretary of the Commonwealth on forms provided by the Secretary.
- 201 C. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall furnish a copy of this chapter to any individual offering
202 to register as a lobbyist and shall mail by certified mail a copy of this chapter and a copy of the
203 information furnished by the lobbyist to the person whom the lobbyist represents to be his principal.
- 204 D. If the principal to whom the information is sent under subsection C of this section does not,
205 within ten days of such mailing, file an affidavit, signed by the person or duly authorized agent of the
206 person, denying that the lobbyist appears on his behalf, such person shall be deemed to have appointed
207 the Secretary of the Commonwealth his agent for service of process in any prosecution arising for
208 violation of this chapter. If such affidavit is filed, the Secretary shall notify the attorney for the
209 Commonwealth of the City of Richmond.
- 210 § 2.1-774. Identification cards; registration fees.
- 211 Each individual who engages in lobbying shall register with the Secretary of the Commonwealth
212 pursuant to § 2.1-772, secure an identification card, and pay the registration fee prescribed in this
213 chapter.
- 214 The Secretary shall issue to each lobbyist who registers pursuant to § 2.1-772 an identification card,
215 which shall be presented by the lobbyist, if requested, whenever he approaches any executive or
216 legislative official with regard to any executive or legislative action.
- 217 Before the Secretary issues an identification card, he shall collect a registration fee of fifty dollars
218 from the lobbyist for each principal for whom, or on whose behalf, the lobbyist will act. Each such card
219 shall expire on the May 1 following the date on which it was issued.
- 220 § 2.1-775. Registration information to be recorded in legislative docket; list of executive officials.
- 221 A. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall maintain in a legislative docket the information filed
222 under § 2.1-773 pertaining to lobbying involving legislative actions during any session of the General
223 Assembly. The Secretary shall furnish current, complete lists thereof to the clerk of each house and to
224 each member of the General Assembly once every two weeks during the session of the General Assembly
225 beginning with the convening of the General Assembly.
- 226 B. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall prepare a list of executive officials, their positions and
227 names, to be revised at least semi-annually and made available to lobbyists to assist them in complying
228 with the provisions of this act.
- 229 § 2.1-776. Lobbyist reporting.
- 230 A. Each lobbyist shall file a separate annual report of expenditures, including gifts, for each
231 principal for whom he lobbies by July 1 for the preceding twelve-month period ending May 1.
- 232 B. Each principal who expends more than \$500 to employ or compensate multiple lobbyists shall be
233 responsible for filing a consolidated lobbyist report pursuant to this section in any case in which the
234 lobbyists are each exempt under the provisions of subdivisions 7 and 8 of § 2.1-771 from the reporting
235 requirements of this section.
- 236 C. The report shall be on a form provided by the Secretary of the Commonwealth which shall be
237 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 name of the individual authorizing your employment as a lobbyist. The lobbyist filing this statement MAY NOT list their 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:

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:<eb> 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.....\$.....

g) HONORARIA.....\$.....

h) REGISTRATION COSTS.....\$.....

i) OTHER.....\$.....

TOTAL.....\$.....

PART II:

(1a) NAME OF LOBBYIST: <eb>.....

(1b) Permanent Business Address:

(1c) Business Telephone:

(2) As a lobbyist, you are (check one)

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301 [] EMPLOYED (on the payroll of the principal)
302 [] RETAINED: (not on the payroll of the principal,
303 however compensated)
304 [] NOT COMPENSATED: (not compensated, expenses may be
305 reimbursed)
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307 (3) List all lobbyists other than yourself who registered to
308 represent your principal.
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312 (4) If you selected "EMPLOYED" as your answer to Part II, item 2,
313 what is your job title:
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315 (5) If you selected "NOT COMPENSATED" as your answer to Part II,
316 item 2, please indicate why your received no compensation.
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320 PLEASE NOTE: Some lobbyists are not individually compensated for
321 lobbying activities. This may occur when several members of a firm
322 represent a single principal. The principal, in turn, makes a single
323 payment to the firm. If this describes your situation, do not answer
324 Part II items 6a and 6b. Instead, complete Part III, items 1 and 2.
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326 (6a) What was the DOLLAR AMOUNT OF YOUR COMPENSATION<ait> <eait><eb>as a
327 lobbyist? If you have job responsibilities other than those
328 involving lobbying, you may have to pro-rate to determine the
329 part of your salary attributable to your lobbying activities.
330 (Transfer your answer to this item to Part I, item 6f.)
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332 (6b) Explain how you arrived at your answer to Part II, item 6a.
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336 PART III:
337 PLEASE NOTE: If you answered Part II, items 6a and 6b, you WILL NOT
338 complete this section.
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340 (1) List all members of your firm, organization, association,
341 corporation, or other entity who furnished lobbying services
342 to your principal.
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346 (2) Indicate the total amount paid to your firm, organization,
347 association, corporation or other entity for services
348 rendered. (Transfer your answer to this item to Part I,
349 item 6f.)
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351 SCHEDULE A ENTERTAINMENT EXPENSES PLEASE NOTE: Any single entertainment event
 352 included in the expense totals of the principal, greater than or equal to a
 353 total of \$100, should be itemized below. Transfer any totals from this schedule
 354 to Part I item 6a. (Please duplicate as needed). Date and Location of
 355 Event: #
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 357 Reportable Guests Invited:
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 359 Description of Entertainment:
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 362 Food.....\$.
 363 Beverages.....\$.
 364 Transportation of Guests.....\$. Lodging
 365 of Guests.....\$. Performers,
 366 Speakers, etc.....\$.
 367 Displays.....\$.
 368 Rentals.....\$. Service
 369 Personnel.....\$.
 370 Miscellaneous.....\$.
 371 TOTAL.....\$. SCHEDULE
 372 B GIFTS PLEASE NOTE: Any single gift reported in the expense totals of
 373 the principal, greater than or equal to \$25.00, should be itemized
 374 below. Transfer any totals from this schedule to Part I item 6b (Please duplicate
 375 as needed). Date of
 376 Gift:
 377 Description of
 378 Gift:
 379 Recipient
 380 of Gift:
 381 Cost of Individual
 382 Gift: # of
 383 Reportable Persons
 384 Accepting:
 385 TOTAL COST TO PRINCIPAL<eb>\$.
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SCHEDULE C

388 OTHER EXPENSES PLEASE NOTE: This section is provided for any
 389 lobbying-related expenses not covered in Part I, items 6a - 6h. An example of
 390 an expenditure to be listed on schedule C would be the rental of a billboard
 391 during the General Assembly session. Transfer the total from this schedule to
 392 Part I, and 6i. (Please duplicate as needed.) DATE OF EXPENSE DESCRIPTION OF
 393 EXPENSE
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 401 TOTAL
 402 "OTHER" EXPENSES.....\$. PART IV:
 403 STATEMENTS Both the lobbyist and principal officer must sign the
 404 disclosure statement, attesting to its completeness and accuracy. The
 405 following items are mandatory and if they are not properly completed, the entire
 406 filing will be rejected and returned to the lobbyist: (1) All signatures on the

statement must be ORIGINAL. No facsimiles, stamps, or other reproductions of the individual's signature will be accepted. (2) An individual MAY NOT sign the disclosure statement as lobbyist and principal officer. STATEMENT OF LOBBYIST, 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.....Signature of lobbyist.....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.

§ 2.1-777. Filings; inspection.

Registration statements and lobbying reports shall be open to public inspection and copying during the regular business hours of the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Such statements and reports shall be deemed to have been filed only when actually received in the office of the Secretary or mailed to the Secretary by registered, certified, or regular mail with the sender retaining sufficient proof of mailing, which may be a United States Postal Certificate of Mailing.

§ 2.1-778. Retention of records by a lobbyist or lobbyist's principal.

A lobbyist and a lobbyist's principal shall preserve for a period of two years all accounts, bills, books, papers, receipts, and other documents and records necessary to substantiate the expenditure reports submitted under this chapter.

§ 2.1-779. Executive official's records.

Each executive official shall maintain a written record or log of oral communications, in person or by phone, with persons who seek to influence executive or legislative actions. The record or log shall be an official record open to inspection under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (§ 2.1-340 et seq.). The executive official is not required to record communications with persons exempt from the registration and reporting provisions of this chapter under subdivisions 1 through 6 of § 2.1-771.

§ 2.1-780. Termination.

A lobbyist may terminate a lobbyist registration by filing a report required under § 2.1-776 including information through the last day of lobbying activity. A termination report must indicate that the lobbyist intends to use the report as the final accounting of lobbying activity.

§ 2.1-781. Penalties; filing of substituted statement.

A. Every lobbyist failing to file the statement prescribed by § 2.1-776 within the time prescribed therein shall be assessed a civil penalty of fifty dollars, and every individual failing to file the statement within ten days after the time prescribed herein shall be assessed an additional civil penalty of fifty dollars per day from the eleventh day of such default until the statement is filed. Such penalties shall be assessed and collected by the Secretary. The Attorney General shall assist the Secretary in collecting the penalties, upon request.

B. Every lobbyist's principal whose lobbyist fails to file the statement prescribed by § 2.1-776 shall be assessed a civil penalty of fifty dollars, and shall be assessed an additional civil penalty of fifty dollars per day from the eleventh day of such default until the statement is filed. Such penalty shall be assessed and collected by the Secretary. The Attorney General shall assist the Secretary in collecting the penalties, upon request.

C. No individual who has failed to file the statement required by § 2.1-776, or who has failed to pay all penalties assessed pursuant to this section, shall register or act as a lobbyist as long as he remains in default.

D. Whenever any lobbyist is or will be in default under § 2.1-776, and the reasons for such default

are or will be beyond his control, or the control of his principal, or both, the Secretary may suspend the assessment of any penalty otherwise assessable and accept a substituted statement, upon the submission of sworn proofs which shall satisfy him that such default has been beyond the control of the lobbyist or his principal, and that such substituted statement contains the most accurate and complete information available after the exercise of due diligence.

E. Penalties collected pursuant to this section shall be payable to the State Treasurer for deposit to the general fund.

§ 2.1-782. Contingent compensation prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any individual to lobby for compensation which is dependent in any manner upon the outcome of any legislative or executive action.

§ 2.1-784. Prohibition on certain state political party officers and employees.

No chairman or full-time paid employee of a state political party, as defined in § 24.2-101, or a member of his immediate family, shall accept compensation or anything of value to act as a lobbyist or be registered or employed as a lobbyist.

§ 2.1-783. Prohibited acts; violation a misdemeanor.

A. No lobbyist shall:

1. Lobby in violation of the provisions of this chapter;

2. Make any expenditure, or obligate himself to do so, in connection with lobbying, unless he fully discloses the expenditure as required in this chapter; or

3. Misrepresent in any material respect or omit any information required to be reported pursuant to this chapter.

B. No lobbyist's principal shall:

1. Fail to file any statement required to be filed by the provisions of this chapter;

2. Misrepresent in any material respect or omit any information required to be reported pursuant to this chapter; or

3. Violate any of the provisions of this chapter.

C. Any lobbyist or lobbyist's principal violating any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. However, a lobbyist who receives no compensation or anything of value for lobbying shall not be subject to criminal penalties pursuant to this section.

2. That Chapter 2.1 (§§ 30-28.01 through 30-28.9:1) of Title 30 of the Code of Virginia is repealed.