

Floor Amendment to HB 1384

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to prohibiting foreign adversary persons or foreign entities of concern from
4 financing lawsuits, prohibiting foreign principals from registering as lobbyists, and
5 requires certain disclosures for persons acting on behalf of foreign principals.
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7 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 1 with the following:

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9 2 Lobbyists; Registration. Amend RSA 15:1, I to read as follows:

10 I. Any person who is employed for a consideration by any other person, except the state of
11 New Hampshire, in a representative capacity for the purposes specified in paragraph II of this
12 section shall first register as a lobbyist with the secretary of state through the secretary of state's
13 online lobbyist filing system. Each registration shall report the existence of a relationship between a
14 single client and either a single lobbyist or a partnership, firm, or corporation with one or more
15 partners, members, or employees of a firm acting as lobbyist. ***The registration shall state
16 whether the client is a foreign principal as defined in RSA 477:22-b, and, if so, the name of
17 the foreign country of concern as defined in RSA 477:22-b.***

18 3 New Paragraphs; Lobbyists; Registration. Amend RSA 15:1 by inserting after paragraph VI
19 the following new paragraphs:

20 VII. A foreign principal, as defined in RSA 477:22-b, may not register as a lobbyist in the
21 state of New Hampshire.

22 VIII. Any person registered under this chapter who appears before a legislative committee
23 or other public hearing on behalf of a foreign principal, as defined by RSA 477:22-b, shall:

24 (a) Identify themselves for the record; and

25 (b) Disclose that they are registered as a lobbyist on behalf of a foreign principal or
26 foreign country of concern.

27 IX. The secretary of state shall provide an annual report to the president of the senate, the
28 speaker of the house of representatives, and the governor listing anyone registered as a lobbyist in
29 the state of New Hampshire for a foreign principal, as defined in RSA 477:22-b, and shall include the
30 names of the relevant foreign countries of concern, as defined in RSA 477:22-b, represented.

31 4 Lobbyists; Statements. Amend RSA 15:6, V(d) to read as follows:

32 (d) For each lobbying client, the full name and business address of the client, the scope
33 of the representation or lobbyist services being paid for, the gross amount of all fees received from

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1 that client, not reduced by any expenses, that are related, directly or indirectly, to lobbying, such as
2 public advocacy, government relations, or public relations services including research, monitoring
3 legislation, and related legal work, a statement of the aggregate total of fees received that are
4 related, directly or indirectly, to lobbying services during the calendar year, and a statement of any
5 fee payment due, but not yet paid. ***If the client is a foreign principal as defined in RSA 477:22-***
6 ***b, the statement shall clearly indicate this status and the name of the foreign country of***
7 ***concern as defined in RSA 477:22-b.***

8 5 Effective Date.

9 I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on January 1, 2027.

10 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits foreign adversary persons or foreign entities of concern from financing lawsuits, prohibits foreign principals from registering as lobbyists, and requires certain disclosures for persons acting on behalf of foreign principals.