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HOUSE BILL *1666-FN*

AN ACT relative to income reporting requirements for lobbyists.

SPONSORS: Rep. Potenza, Straf. 19; Rep. Read, Rock. 10; Rep. Wheeler, Hills. 33; Rep. Booras, Hills. 8; Rep. Sellers, Graf. 18; Rep. Mazur, Hills. 44; Rep. Wherry, Hills. 13; Rep. Thackston, Ches. 12; Rep. Post, Hills. 42; Rep. Terry, Belk. 7

COMMITTEE: Legislative Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill amends the processes for the filing of lobbyist registrations and statements.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Four

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

254:1 State Government; Lobbyists; Registration. Amend RSA 15:1, I to read as follows:

I. Any person who is employed for a consideration by any other person, except the state of New Hampshire, in a representative capacity for the purposes specified in paragraph II of this section shall first register as a lobbyist with the secretary of state ***through the secretary of state's online lobbyist filing system***. Each registration shall report the existence of a relationship between a single client and either a single lobbyist or a partnership, firm, or corporation with one or more partners, members, or employees of a firm acting as lobbyist.

254:2 Lobbyist Statements; Filing Dates. Amend RSA 15:6, II to read as follows:

II. Lobbyists shall ***electronically*** file statements no later than [~~the last Wednesday of each January, April, July, and October~~] ***January 31, May 31, and September 30,*** covering all fees received and expenditures, contributions, honorariums, or expense reimbursements made since the last required filing, from fees received at any time from a lobbying client or employer or from funds otherwise provided by the lobbyist, partnership, firm, or corporation, or from the client or employer.

254:3 Lobbyist Statements; Electronic Filing Requirement. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 15:6, V to read as follows:

V. The lobbyist statement shall be [~~in the form prescribed by the secretary of state, may be in paper or electronic form, and~~] ***filed electronically with the secretary of state in a format that enables the secretary of state to link all information regarding income and expenses, political contributions, and honorariums or expense reimbursements submitted by an individual lobbyist under this section,*** and shall include at a minimum:

254:4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

Approved: July 19, 2024
Effective Date: January 01, 2027