SLS 22RS-564 **ENGROSSED**

2022 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 267

BY SENATOR HEWITT

LOBBYING. Requires disclosure of whether required ethics training has been completed upon registration. (gov sig)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 24:53(A)(6) and (7) and R.S. 49:74(A)(6) and (7) and to enact R.S. 24:53(A)(8) and R.S. 49:74(A)(8), relative to registration of lobbyists; to provide for required information; to require disclosure of whether the registrant has completed certain required training; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 24:53(A)(6) and (7) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 24:53(A)(8) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§53. Registration of lobbyists with the board; compilation of information

A. Each lobbyist shall register with the board as soon as possible after employment as a lobbyist or after the first action requiring his registration as a lobbyist, whichever occurs first, and in any event not later than five days after employment as a lobbyist or not later than five days after the first action requiring his registration as a lobbyist, whichever occurs first. He shall electronically file with the board using forms provided by it, the following information:

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(6) **Whether the registrant completed the annual training required**

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pursuant to R.S. 42:1170 for the previous calendar year.

(7) One copy of a two inch by two inch recent photograph of the registrant made within the prior six months shall be filed with the initial registration form for a legislative term.

~~(7)~~**(8)** If a lobbyist is compensated for lobbying and non-lobbying services, he shall reasonably allocate his compensation and report only the amount received for lobbying in the manner provided in this Part.

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Section 2. R.S. 49:74(A)(6) and (7) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 49:74(A)(8) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§74. Registration of lobbyists with the ethics board; compilation of information

A. Each lobbyist shall register with the ethics board as soon as possible after employment as a lobbyist or after the first action requiring his registration as a lobbyist, whichever occurs first, and in any event not later than five days after employment as a lobbyist or not later than five days after the first action requiring his registration as a lobbyist, whichever occurs first. He shall electronically file with the ethics board using forms provided by it, the following information:

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(6) **Whether the registrant completed the annual training required pursuant to R.S. 42:1170 for the previous calendar year.**

(7) One copy of a two-inch-by-two-inch recent photograph of the registrant made within the prior six months shall be filed with the initial registration form.

~~(7)~~ **(8)** If a lobbyist is compensated for lobbying and non-lobbying services, he shall reasonably allocate his compensation and report only the amount received for lobbying in the manner provided in this Part.

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Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

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1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become

2 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by LG Sullivan.

DIGEST

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Present law provides for registration of anyone who lobbies the legislature or any executive branch agency. Specifies information to be included on his registration: his name, business address, names of persons who pay him to lobby and the level of payments made, and the potential subject matter about which he lobbies.

Proposed law retains present law and requires the registrant to indicate whether he completed the annual training required pursuant to present law provisions of the Ethics Code for the previous calendar year.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 24:53(A)(6) and (7) and R.S. 49:74(A)(6) and (7); adds R.S. 24:53(A)(8) and R.S. 49:74(A)(8))

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