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Introduced by M. of A. BENJAMIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Election Law

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to limiting contributions by certain contributors; and to amend the legislative law, in relation to requiring lobbyists who work as political consultants to disclose the name and contact information of those who employ them as political consultants

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 14-116 of the election law is amended by adding a new subdivision 3 to read as follows:

3. NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISIONS ONE AND TWO OF THIS SECTION, ANY CORPORATION, JOINT-STOCK ASSOCIATION, OR AN ORGANIZATION FINANCIALLY SUPPORTED IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BY SUCH CORPORATION, WHICH EMPLOYS A LOBBYING FIRM FOR ANY PURPOSE, MAY MAKE EXPENDITURES INCLUDING CONTRIBUTIONS, NOT OTHERWISE PROHIBITED BY LAW, TO A CANDIDATE FOR A POLITICAL OFFICE OR TO A POLITICAL PARTY, COMMITTEE OR ORGANIZATION ALSO EMPLOYING THE SAME LOBBYING FIRM, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS IN AGGREGATE, NOT IN ADDITION TO THE AMOUNT ALLOWED IN SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION, IN ANY CALENDAR YEAR.

S 2. Subdivision (c) of section 1-e of the legislative law is amended by adding a new paragraph 8 to read as follows:

(8) IF THE LOBBYIST IS OR HAS BEEN RETAINED, EMPLOYED OR DESIGNATED BY ONE OR MORE CLIENTS AS A POLITICAL CONSULTANT, WITHIN THE TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS PRECEDING THE FILING OF SUCH STATEMENT, THE NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE CLIENT BY WHOM OR ON WHOSE BEHALF THE POLITICAL CONSULTANT IS RETAINED, EMPLOYED OR DESIGNATED. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS PARAGRAPH THE TERM "POLITICAL CONSULTANT" SHALL MEAN ANY PERSON RECEIVING COMPENSATION FOR PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: ADVISING CLIENTS ON POLITICAL ACTIVITIES, POLITICAL ADVERTISING, CAMPAIGN STRATEGIES, CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY OR CAMPAIGN MANAGEMENT.

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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