STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

April 11, 2017

Introduced by M. of A. BUCHWALD -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the legislative law, in relation to penalties for false statements made by lobbyists, public corporations or clients

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section 1-o of the legislative law is amended by adding a new subdivision (e) to read as follows:

(e) Any lobbyist, public corporation, or client who, knowing that a statement or report made pursuant to this article contains false information, and with intent to defraud the state, offers or presents a statement or report to the commission with the knowledge or belief that it will be filed with, registered or recorded in or otherwise become a part of the records of the commission, shall be guilty of a class E felony, and may be subject to a penalty of the greater of seventy-five thousand dollars, or an amount equal to ten times the value of any compensation or benefit received as a result of the violation. The commission may assess such civil penalties.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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