

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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Introduced by Sens. LIU, GOUNARDES -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Ethics and Internal Governance -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the legislative law, in relation to authorizing the joint commission on public integrity to provide a training course concerning anti-sexual harassment training for lobbyists and requiring lobbyists to complete the course annually

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

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

3 (i) provide an online anti-sexual harassment training course for indi-  
4 viduals registered as lobbyists pursuant to section one-e of this arti-  
5 cle. The curriculum for the course shall be based upon the model sexual  
6 harassment prevention guidance document and sexual harassment prevention  
7 policy promulgated by the department of labor pursuant to section two  
8 hundred one-g of the labor law and shall include, but not be limited to,  
9 explanations and discussions of what constitutes sexual harassment, the  
10 statutes and regulations of New York concerning sexual harassment,  
11 summaries of advisory opinions, underlying purposes and principles of  
12 the relevant laws, and examples of practical application of these laws  
13 and principles. The curriculum shall include specific material relating  
14 to sexual harassment issues in the lobbying and advocacy industry. The  
15 commission shall prepare those methods and materials necessary to imple-  
16 ment the curriculum. The commission shall prepare and publish on its  
17 website a list of the names of lobbyists who have failed to complete the  
18 training course by the required date and are prohibited from engaging in  
19 lobbying activities, provided the commission shall update the list and  
20 remove the name of any lobbyist that completes the training course with-

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

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1 in two business days of the lobbyist's completion of the training  
2 course.

3 § 2. Sections 1-u and 1-v of the legislative law, section 1-v as  
4 relettered by chapter 1 of the laws of 2005, are relettered sections 1-x  
5 and 1-y and a new section 1-u is added to read as follows:

6 § 1-u. Anti-sexual harassment training. Each individual registered as  
7 a lobbyist pursuant to section one-e of this article shall complete the  
8 anti-sexual harassment training course provided by the commission on  
9 public integrity pursuant to subdivision (i) of section one-d of this  
10 article at least once annually during the period that such individual is  
11 registered as a lobbyist. Completion of the training course shall be in  
12 addition to, and shall not satisfy, any other statutory or regulatory  
13 requirement under state or local law. If any person who has been  
14 retained, employed or designated as a lobbyist on or before December  
15 fifteenth of the previous calendar year fails to complete such course by  
16 December thirty-first of that year, such person shall be prohibited from  
17 engaging in lobbying activities in the following year until the person  
18 completes the training course. If any person who has been retained,  
19 employed or designated as a lobbyist after December fifteenth of the  
20 previous calendar year fails to complete such course within thirty days  
21 of such retention, employment or designation, such person shall be  
22 prohibited from engaging in lobbying activities until the person  
23 completes the training course.

24 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to indi-  
25 viduals registered as lobbyists on and after January 1, 2021.