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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. LIU, BIAGGI, BROUK, GOUNARDES, RAMOS -- 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 -- recommitted to the Committee on Ethics and Internal Governance in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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 filing statements of registration as lobbyists pursuant to
5 section one-e of this article, including individuals filing an initial
6 registration statement and individuals filing a renewal registration
7 statement. The curriculum for the course shall be based upon the model
8 sexual harassment prevention guidance document and sexual harassment
9 prevention policy promulgated by the department of labor pursuant to
10 section two hundred one-g of the labor law and shall include, but not be
11 limited to, explanations and discussions of what constitutes sexual
12 harassment, the statutes and regulations of New York concerning sexual
13 harassment, summaries of advisory opinions, underlying purposes and
14 principles of the relevant laws, and examples of practical application
15 of these laws and principles. The curriculum shall include specific
16 material relating to sexual harassment issues in the lobbying and advo-

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

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1 cacy industry. The commission shall prepare those methods and materials
2 necessary to implement the curriculum. The commission shall prepare and
3 publish on its website a list of the names of lobbyists who have failed
4 to complete the training course by the required date and are prohibited
5 from engaging in lobbying activities, provided the commission shall
6 update the list and remove the name of any lobbyist that completes the
7 training course within two business days of the lobbyist's completion of
8 the training course.

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

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

32 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to indi-
33 viduals registered as lobbyists on and after January 1, 2023.