

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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

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:

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

(i) provide an online anti-sexual harassment training course for individuals registered as lobbyists pursuant to section one-e of this article. The curriculum for the course shall be based upon the model sexual harassment prevention guidance document and sexual harassment prevention policy promulgated by the department of labor pursuant to section two hundred one-g of the labor law and shall include, but not be limited to, explanations and discussions of what constitutes sexual harassment, the statutes and regulations of New York concerning sexual harassment, summaries of advisory opinions, underlying purposes and principles of the relevant laws, and examples of practical application of these laws and principles. The commission shall prepare those methods and materials necessary to implement the curriculum. The commission shall prepare and deliver to the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly an annual report on or before December thirty-first of each year which identifies the number of lobbyists who, as of September thirtieth of that year, have failed to complete the training course and are prohibited from appearing before the legislature until the defect is cured.

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

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

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1 § 1-u. Anti-sexual harassment training. Each individual registered as
2 a lobbyist pursuant to section one-e of this article shall complete the
3 anti-sexual harassment training course provided by the joint commission
4 on public ethics pursuant to subdivision (i) of section one-d of this
5 article at least once annually during the period that such individual is
6 registered as a lobbyist. If any lobbyist fails to complete such course,
7 such lobbyist shall have sixty days to cure such defect. If after sixty
8 days the defect has not been cured, the lobbyist shall be prohibited
9 from appearing before the legislature until the defect is cured.

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