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Introduced by Sens. LIU, BROOK, GOUNARDES, HOYLMAN-SIGAL, RAMOS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Ethics and Internal Governance

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-
17 cacy industry. The commission shall prepare those methods and materials
18 necessary to implement the curriculum. The commission shall prepare and
19 publish on its website a list of the names of lobbyists who have failed
20 to complete the training course by the required date and are prohibited
21 from engaging in lobbying activities, provided the commission shall
22 update the list and remove the name of any lobbyist that completes the

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

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

26 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to indi-
27 viduals registered as lobbyists on and after January 1, 2025.