

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

January 14, 2026

Introduced by M. of A. RAJKUMAR -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the legislative law, in relation to requiring lobbyists to disclose their positions on bills

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (b) of section 1-h of the legislative law, as  
2 added by chapter 2 of the laws of 1999, and paragraph 3 as amended by  
3 chapter 14 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as follows:

4 (b) Such bi-monthly report shall contain:

5 (1) the name, complete address including apartment or suite number, if  
6 any, and telephone number of the lobbyist;

7 (2) the name, complete address including apartment or suite number, if  
8 any, and telephone number of the client by whom or on whose behalf the  
9 lobbyist is retained, employed or designated;

10 (3) the following information on which the lobbyist has lobbied: (i) a  
11 description of the general subject or subjects, (ii) the legislative  
12 bill numbers of any bills and, regarding an appropriation bill or any  
13 supplemental appropriation bill, the particular items within the appro-  
14 priation bill lobbied on, (iii) the numbers or subject matter (if there  
15 are no numbers) of gubernatorial executive orders or executive orders  
16 issued by the chief executive officer of a municipality, (iv) the  
17 subject matter of and tribes involved in tribal-state compacts, memoran-  
18 da of understanding, or any other state-tribal agreements and any state  
19 actions related to class III gaming as provided in 25 U.S.C. § 2701, (v)  
20 the rule, regulation, and ratemaking or municipal ordinance or resol-  
21 ution numbers of any rules, regulations, or rates or ordinance or  
22 proposed rules, regulations, or rates or municipal ordinances or resol-  
23 utions, and (vi) the titles and any identifying numbers of any procure-  
24 ment contracts and other documents disseminated by a state agency,  
25 either house of the state legislature, the unified court system, munic-  
26 ipal agency or local legislative body in connection with a governmental  
27 procurement;

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

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1 (4) for each item listed with regard to paragraphs (i), (iii), (iv),  
2 (vii), (ix) and (x) of subdivision (c) of section one-c of this article,  
3 whether the lobbying was in support, in support with proposed amend-  
4 ments, in opposition, or in opposition absent proposed amendments to the  
5 item lobbied on;

6 (5) for each item listed with regard to paragraphs (ii) and (viii) of  
7 subdivision (c) of section one-c of this article, whether the lobbying  
8 was with regard to the adoption, issuance, rescission, modification or  
9 terms of a gubernatorial or local executive order;

10 (6) for each item listed with regard to paragraph (vi) of subdivision  
11 (c) of section one-c of this article, whether the lobbying was with  
12 regard to the approval, disapproval, implementation or administration of  
13 tribal-state compacts, memoranda of understanding or any other tribal-  
14 state agreements and any other state actions related to Class III  
15 gaming;

16 (7) the name of the person, organization, or legislative body before  
17 which the lobbyist has lobbied;

18 [~~5~~] (8) (i) the compensation paid or owed to the lobbyist, and any  
19 expenses expended, received or incurred by the lobbyist for the purpose  
20 of lobbying.

21 (ii) expenses required to be reported pursuant to subparagraph (i) of  
22 this paragraph shall be listed in the aggregate if seventy-five dollars  
23 or less and if more than seventy-five dollars such expenses shall be  
24 detailed as to amount, to whom paid, and for what purpose; and where  
25 such expense is more than seventy-five dollars on behalf of any one  
26 person, the name of such person shall be listed.

27 (iii) for the purposes of this paragraph, expenses shall not include:

28 (A) personal sustenance, lodging and travel disbursements of such  
29 lobbyist;

30 (B) expenses, not in excess of five hundred dollars in any one calen-  
31 dar year, directly incurred for the printing or other means of reprod-  
32 uction or mailing of letters, memoranda or other written communications.

33 (iv) expenses paid or incurred for salaries other than that of the  
34 lobbyist shall be listed in the aggregate.

35 (v) expenses of more than fifty dollars shall be paid by check or  
36 substantiated by receipts and such checks and receipts shall be kept on  
37 file by the lobbyist for a period of three years.

38 § 2. Subdivision (b) of section 1-j of the legislative law, as amended  
39 by chapter 1 of the laws of 2005 and paragraph 6 as added by section 7-b  
40 of part A of chapter 399 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as  
41 follows:

42 (b) Such report shall be filed with the commission, on forms supplied  
43 by the commission, by the fifteenth day of July of the year and by the  
44 fifteenth day of January next following the year for which such report  
45 is made and shall contain:

46 (1) the name, complete address including apartment and suite number,  
47 if any, and telephone number of the client;

48 (2) the name, complete address including apartment and suite number,  
49 if any, and telephone number of each lobbyist retained, employed or  
50 designated by such client;

51 (3) the following information on which each lobbyist retained,  
52 employed or designated by such client has lobbied, and on which such  
53 client has lobbied: (i) a description of the general subject or  
54 subjects, (ii) the legislative bill numbers of any bills and, regarding  
55 an appropriation bill or any supplemental appropriation bill, the  
56 particular items within the appropriation bill lobbied on, (iii) the

1 numbers or subject matter (if there are no numbers) of gubernatorial  
2 executive orders or executive orders issued by the chief executive offi-  
3 cer of a municipality, (iv) the subject matter of and tribes involved in  
4 tribal-state compacts, memoranda of understanding, or any other state-  
5 tribal agreements and any state actions related to class III gaming as  
6 provided in 25 U.S.C. 2701, (v) the rule, regulation, and ratemaking or  
7 municipal resolution or ordinance numbers of any rules, regulations, or  
8 rates, or municipal resolutions or ordinances or proposed rules, regu-  
9 lations, or rates, or municipal ordinances or resolutions and (vi) the  
10 titles and any identifying numbers of any procurement contracts and  
11 other documents disseminated by a state agency, either house of the  
12 state legislature, the unified court system, municipal agency or local  
13 legislative body in connection with a governmental procurement;

14 (4) for each item listed with regard to paragraphs (i), (iii), (iv),  
15 (vii), (ix) and (x) of subdivision (c) of section one-c of this article,  
16 whether the lobbying was in support, in support with proposed amend-  
17 ments, in opposition, or in opposition absent proposed amendments to the  
18 item lobbied on;

19 (5) for each item listed with regard to paragraphs (ii) and (viii) of  
20 subdivision (c) of section one-c of this article, whether the lobbying  
21 was with regard to the adoption, issuance, rescission, modification or  
22 terms of a gubernatorial or local executive order;

23 (6) for each item listed with regard to paragraph (vi) of subdivision  
24 (c) of section one-c of this article, whether the lobbying was with  
25 regard to the approval, disapproval, implementation or administration of  
26 tribal-state compacts, memoranda of understanding or any other tribal-  
27 state agreements and any other state actions related to Class III  
28 gaming;

29 (7) the name of the person, organization, or legislative body before  
30 which such client has lobbied;

31 [~~5~~] (8) (i) the compensation paid or owed to each such lobbyist, and  
32 any other expenses paid or incurred by such client for the purpose of  
33 lobbying.

34 (ii) any expenses required to be reported pursuant to subparagraph (i)  
35 of this paragraph shall be listed in the aggregate if seventy-five  
36 dollars or less and if more than seventy-five dollars such expenses  
37 shall be detailed as to amount, to whom paid, and for what purpose; and  
38 where such expenses are more than seventy-five dollars on behalf of any  
39 one person, the name of such person shall be listed.

40 (iii) for the purposes of this paragraph, expenses shall not include:

41 (A) personal sustenance, lodging and travel disbursements of such  
42 lobbyist and client;

43 (B) expenses, not in excess of five hundred dollars, directly incurred  
44 for the printing or other means of reproduction or mailing of letters,  
45 memoranda or other written communications.

46 (iv) expenses paid or incurred for salaries other than that of the  
47 lobbyist shall be listed in the aggregate.

48 (v) expenses of more than fifty dollars must be paid by check or  
49 substantiated by receipts and such checks and receipts shall be kept on  
50 file by such client for a period of three years.

51 [~~6~~] (9) (i) the name and public office address of any statewide  
52 elected official, state officer or employee, member of the legislature  
53 or legislative employee and entity with whom the client of a lobbyist  
54 has a reportable business relationship;

55 (ii) a description of the general subject or subjects of the trans-  
56 actions between the client of a lobbyist and the statewide elected offi-

1 cial, state officer or employee, member of the legislature or legisla-  
2 tive employee and entity; and  
3 (iii) the compensation, including expenses, to be paid and paid by  
4 virtue of the business relationship.  
5 § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
6 it shall have become a law.