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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. KRUEGER -- 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 relieving reporting requirements on small nonprofits

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph 4 of subdivision (a) of section 1-e of the legis-  
2 lative law, as amended by chapter 1 of the laws of 2005, is amended to  
3 read as follows:  
4 (4) Such biennial filings shall be completed on or before January  
5 first of the first year of a biennial cycle commencing in calendar year  
6 two thousand five and thereafter, by those persons who have been  
7 retained, employed or designated as lobbyist on or before December  
8 fifteenth of the previous calendar year and who reasonably anticipate  
9 that in the coming year they will expend, incur or receive combined  
10 reportable compensation and expenses in an amount in excess of two thou-  
11 sand dollars in years prior to calendar year two thousand six and five  
12 thousand dollars commencing in two thousand six or, where such lobbyist  
13 is qualified as an exempt organization or entity by the United States  
14 department of the treasury under section 501(c)(3) of the internal  
15 revenue code, ten thousand dollars commencing in two thousand  
16 twenty-six; for those lobbyists retained, employed or designated after  
17 the previous December fifteenth, and for those lobbyists who subsequent  
18 to their retainer, employment or designation reasonably anticipate  
19 combined reportable compensation and expenses in excess of such amount,  
20 such filing must be completed within fifteen days thereafter, but in no  
21 event later than ten days after the actual incurring or receiving of  
22 such reportable compensation and expenses.

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

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1 § 2. Paragraphs (iii) and (iv) of subdivision (e) of section 1-e of  
2 the legislative law, as amended by section 1 of part S of chapter 62 of  
3 the laws of 2003, are amended to read as follows:

4 (iii) The first statement of registration filed biennially by each  
5 lobbyist for the first biennial registration requirements for calendar  
6 years between two thousand five and two thousand ~~[six and thereafter]~~  
7 twenty-five, shall be accompanied by a registration fee of two hundred  
8 dollars except that no registration fee shall be required from any  
9 lobbyist who in any year does not expend, incur or receive an amount in  
10 excess of five thousand dollars of reportable compensation and expenses,  
11 as provided in paragraph five of subdivision (b) of section one-h of  
12 this article, for the purposes of lobbying or of a public corporation. A  
13 fee of two hundred dollars shall be required for any subsequent state-  
14 ment of registration filed by a lobbyist during the same biennial peri-  
15 od; (iv) The first statement of registration filed biennially by each  
16 lobbyist for the first biennial registration requirements for calendar  
17 year two thousand twenty-six and thereafter, shall be accompanied by a  
18 registration fee of two hundred dollars except that no registration fee  
19 shall be required from any lobbyist who is qualified as an exempt organ-  
20 ization or entity by the United States department of the treasury under  
21 section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code and in any year does not  
22 expend, incur or receive an amount in excess of ten thousand dollars of  
23 reportable compensation and expenses, as provided in paragraph five of  
24 subdivision (b) of section one-h of this article, for the purposes of  
25 lobbying or of a public corporation. A fee of two hundred dollars shall  
26 be required for any subsequent statement of registration filed by a  
27 lobbyist during the same biennial period; (v) The statement of registra-  
28 tion filed after the due date of a biennial registration shall be accom-  
29 panied by a registration fee that is prorated to one hundred dollars for  
30 any registration filed after January first of the second calendar year  
31 covered by the biennial reporting requirement. In addition to the fees  
32 authorized by this section, the commission may impose a fee for late  
33 filing of a registration statement required by this section not to  
34 exceed twenty-five dollars for each day that the statement required to  
35 be filed is late, except that if the lobbyist making a late filing has  
36 not previously been required by statute to file such a statement, the  
37 fee for late filing shall not exceed ten dollars for each day that the  
38 statement required to be filed is late.

39 § 3. Subdivision (a) of section 1-h of the legislative law, as amended  
40 by chapter 14 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as follows:

41 (a) Any lobbyist required to file a statement of registration pursuant  
42 to section one-e of this article who in any lobbying year reasonably  
43 anticipates that during the year such lobbyist will expend, incur or  
44 receive combined reportable compensation and expenses in an amount in  
45 excess of ~~[five]~~ ten thousand dollars, or ten thousand dollars where  
46 such lobbyist is qualified as an exempt organization or entity by the  
47 United States department of the treasury under section 501(c)(3) of the  
48 internal revenue code as provided in paragraph five of subdivision (b)  
49 of this section, for the purpose of lobbying, shall file with the  
50 commission a bi-monthly written report, on forms supplied by the commis-  
51 sion, by the fifteenth day next succeeding the end of the reporting  
52 period in which the lobbyist was first required to file a statement of  
53 registration. Such reporting periods shall be the period of January  
54 first to the last day of February, March first to April thirtieth, May  
55 first to June thirtieth, July first to August thirty-first, September

1 first to October thirty-first and November first to December thirty-  
2 first.

3 § 4. Subdivision (a) of section 1-j of the legislative law, as amended  
4 by chapter 14 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as follows:

5 (a) Semi-annual reports shall be filed by any client retaining,  
6 employing or designating a lobbyist or lobbyists, whether or not any  
7 such lobbyist was required to file a bi-monthly report, if such client  
8 reasonably anticipates that during the year such client will expend or  
9 incur an amount in excess of five thousand dollars, or ten thousand  
10 dollars where such lobbyist is qualified as an exempt organization or  
11 entity by the United States department of the treasury under section  
12 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code of combined reportable compen-  
13 sation and expenses, as provided in paragraph five of subdivision [~~e~~]  
14 (b) of this section, for the purposes of lobbying.

15 § 5. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall  
16 have become a law.