STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 25, 2025

Introduced by Sen. LIU -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Ethics and Internal Governance

AN ACT to amend the executive law and the legislative law, in relation to education and training in ethics and lobbying

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

Section 1. Subdivision 8 of section 94 of the executive law is amended by adding a new paragraph (d-1) to read as follows:

(d-1) The commission may impose a fee upon lobbyists and clients of lobbyists for late completion of the training course required by this subdivision, as set forth in subdivision (i) of section one-d of the legislative law.

§ 2. Subdivision (h) of section 1-d of the legislative law, as added by section 7 of part A of chapter 399 of the laws of 2011, is amended and a new subdivision (i) is added to read as follows:

(h) provide an online ethics training course for [~~individuals registered as~~] lobbyists **and clients listed on a statement of registration submitted** pursuant to section one-e of this article. The curriculum for the course shall include, but not be limited to, explanations and discussions of the statutes and regulations of New York concerning ethics in the public officers law, the election law, the legislative law, 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. Each [~~individual registered as a~~] lobbyist [~~pursuant to section one-e of this article~~] **and client** shall complete such training course **within ninety days of being listed on a statement of registration and thereafter** at least once in any [~~three-year~~] **biennial** period during which [~~he or she is registered~~

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

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~~as a~~] the lobbyist or client is listed on a statement of registration submitted pursuant to section one-e of this article.

(i) the commission may impose a fee for failure to complete the training course in a timely manner as required by this section, not to exceed twenty-five dollars for each day that the lobbyist or client is late, in accordance with procedures set forth by the commission.

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