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Introduced by Sen. MAYER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Ethics and Internal Governance -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first report, amended on first report, ordered to a second report and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of second report

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, munici-

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

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1 pal agency or local legislative body in connection with a governmental  
2 procurement;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 (A) personal sustenance, lodging and travel disbursements of such  
31 lobbyist;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

31 (7) for the item listed with regard to paragraph (iv) of subdivision  
32 (c) of section one-c of this article, whether the lobbying was in  
33 support, support with proposed amendments, in opposition, or in  
34 opposition absent proposed amendments to the outcome of any rate  
35 making proceeding by a state agency;

36 (8) the name of the person, organization, or legislative body before  
37 which such client has lobbied;

38 [~~5~~] (9) (i) the compensation paid or owed to each such lobbyist, and  
39 any other expenses paid or incurred by such client for the purpose of  
40 lobbying.

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

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

48 (A) personal sustenance, lodging and travel disbursements of such  
49 lobbyist and client;

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

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

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

4 [~~6~~] (10) (i) the name and public office address of any statewide  
5 elected official, state officer or employee, member of the legislature  
6 or legislative employee and entity with whom the client of a lobbyist  
7 has a reportable business relationship;

8 (ii) a description of the general subject or subjects of the trans-  
9 actions between the client of a lobbyist and the statewide elected offi-  
10 cial, state officer or employee, member of the legislature or legisla-  
11 tive employee and entity; and

12 (iii) the compensation, including expenses, to be paid and paid by  
13 virtue of the business relationship.

14 § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
15 it shall have become a law.