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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:

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

(b) Such bi-monthly report shall contain:

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

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

(3) the following information on which the lobbyist has lobbied: (i) a description of the general subject or subjects, (ii) the legislative bill numbers of any bills and, regarding an appropriation bill or any supplemental appropriation bill, the particular items within the appropriation bill lobbied on, (iii) the numbers or subject matter (if there are no numbers) of gubernatorial executive orders or executive orders issued by the chief executive officer of a municipality, (iv) the subject matter of and tribes involved in tribal-state compacts, memoranda of understanding, or any other state-tribal agreements and any state actions related to class III gaming as provided in 25 U.S.C. § 2701, (v) the rule, regulation, and ratemaking or municipal ordinance or resolution numbers of any rules, regulations, or rates or ordinance or proposed rules, regulations, or rates or municipal ordinances or resolutions, and (vi) the titles and any identifying numbers of any procurement contracts and other documents disseminated by a state agency, 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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pal agency or local legislative body in connection with a governmental procurement;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(B) expenses, not in excess of five hundred dollars in any one calendar year, directly incurred for the printing or other means of reproduction or mailing of letters, memoranda or other written communications.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(3) the following information on which each lobbyist retained, employed or designated by such client has lobbied, and on which such client has lobbied: (i) a description of the general subject or 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.