

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 128

Short Title: Revolving Door for Lobbyist Registration. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Glazier, Howard, D. Ross, and Setzer (Primary Sponsors).
For a complete list of Sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly Web Site.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO EXTEND THE COOLING OFF PERIOD OF AN ELECTED PUBLIC
3 SERVANT OR LEGISLATOR TO REGISTER AS A LOBBYIST.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 120C-304 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 120C-304. Restrictions.**

7 (a) No legislator or former legislator may register as a lobbyist under this Chapter:

8 (1) While in office.

9 (2) Before the later of the close of session as set forth in G.S. 120C-100(a)(4)b.1
10 in which the legislator served or ~~six months~~ two years after leaving office.

11 (b) No public servant or former public servant as defined in G.S. 138A-3(30)a. may
12 register as a lobbyist under this Chapter while in office or within ~~six months~~ two years after
13 leaving office.

14 (c) No public servant or former public servant as defined in G.S. 138A-3(30)c. may
15 register as a lobbyist under this Chapter within six months after separation from employment as
16 a public servant. No other employee of any State agency may register as a lobbyist under this
17 Chapter to lobby the State agency that previously employed the former employee within six
18 months after voluntary separation or separation for cause from that State agency.

19 (d) No individual registered as a lobbyist under this Chapter shall serve as a treasurer as
20 defined in G.S. 163-278.6(19) or an assistant campaign treasurer for a political committee for
21 the election of a member of the General Assembly or a Constitutional officer of the State.

22 (e) A lobbyist shall not be eligible for appointment by a State official to, or service on,
23 any body created under the laws of this State that has regulatory authority over the activities of
24 a person or governmental unit that the lobbyist currently represents or has represented within
25 120 days after the expiration of the lobbyist's registration representing that person or
26 governmental unit. Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit appointment by any unit of
27 local government.

28 (f) Any appointment or registration made in violation of this section shall be void."

29 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to legislators
30 and public servants holding office on or after that date.

