

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 649

Short Title: Lobbyist Penalty.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Miller.

Referred to: Finance.

April 2, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR LATE FILING OF REPORTS BY
LOBBYIST AND PRINCIPAL.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 120-47.6(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) When a lobbyist fails to file a lobbying expense report as required herein, the Secretary of State shall send a certified or registered letter advising the lobbyist of the delinquency and the penalties provided by law. Within 20 days of the receipt of the letter, the lobbyist shall deliver or post by United States mail to the Secretary of State the required report and an additional late filing fee of ten dollars ~~(\$10.00)~~ (\$10.00) a day for the first 30 days the report is late and fifty dollars (\$50.00) a day for every day thereafter, not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). Filing of the required report and payment of the additional fee within the time extended shall constitute compliance with this section. Failure to file an expense report in one of the manners prescribed herein shall result in revocation of any and all registrations of a lobbyist under this Article. No lobbyist may register or reregister under this Article until he has fully complied with this section."

Section 2. G.S. 120-47.7(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) When a lobbyist's principal fails to file a lobbying expense report as required herein, the Secretary of State shall send a certified or registered letter advising the lobbyist's principal of the delinquency and the penalties provided by law. Within 20 days

1 of the receipt of the letter, the lobbyist's principal shall deliver or post by United States
2 mail to the Secretary of State the required report and a late filing fee of ten dollars
3 ~~(\$10.00)~~ (\$10.00) a day for the first 30 days the report is late and fifty dollars (\$50.00) a
4 day for every day thereafter, not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). Filing of the
5 required report and payment of the late fee within the time extended shall constitute
6 compliance with this section."

7 Section 3. This act becomes effective January 1, 1999.