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Short Title: Amend Lobbying Law.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LOBBYING LAW.

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)~~ fifty dollars (\$50.00) per day for each day the report is late, not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). The Secretary of State may reduce or waive a late filing fee under this section for excusable neglect, unavoidable delay, or other good cause.

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:

1       "(d) When a lobbyist's principal fails to file a lobbying expense report as required  
2 herein, the Secretary of State shall send a certified or registered letter advising the  
3 lobbyist's principal of the delinquency and the penalties provided by law. Within 20 days  
4 of the receipt of the letter, the lobbyist's principal shall deliver or post by United States  
5 mail to the Secretary of State the required report and a late filing fee of ~~ten dollars~~  
6 ~~(\$10.00)~~ fifty dollars (\$50.00) per day for each day the report is late, not to exceed one  
7 thousand dollars (\$1,000). The Secretary of State may reduce or waive a late filing fee  
8 under this section for excusable neglect, unavoidable delay, or other good cause.

9       Filing of the required report and payment of the late fee within the time extended shall  
10 constitute compliance with this section."

11       Section 3. G.S. 120-47.9 reads as rewritten:  
12 **"§ 120-47.9. Punishment for violation.**

13       Whoever willfully violates any provision of this Article shall be guilty of a Class ~~4-A1~~  
14 misdemeanor. In addition, no lobbyist who is convicted of a violation of the provisions  
15 of this Article shall in any way act as a lobbyist for a period of two years following his  
16 conviction."

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