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HOUSE BILL 144

**50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2012**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO LOBBYING; PROHIBITING FORMER STATEWIDE ELECTED OFFICIALS, FORMER PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSIONERS, FORMER LEGISLATORS AND FORMER CABINET SECRETARIES FROM ACCEPTING COMPENSATION AS LOBBYISTS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR AFTER THEIR SERVICE; PROHIBITING EMPLOYERS OF LOBBYISTS FROM COMPENSATING FORMER STATEWIDE ELECTED OFFICIALS, FORMER PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSIONERS, FORMER LEGISLATORS AND FORMER CABINET SECRETARIES AS LOBBYISTS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR AFTER SERVICE; IMPOSING A PENALTY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. A new section of the Lobbyist Regulation Act is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] RESTRICTION ON LOBBYING BY CERTAIN FORMER PUBLIC OFFICIALS--PENALTY.--

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1           A. A former statewide elected official, a former  
2 public regulation commissioner, a former state legislator or a  
3 former cabinet secretary shall not accept compensation as a  
4 lobbyist for a period of one calendar year after service as a  
5 statewide elected official, public regulation commissioner,  
6 state legislator or cabinet secretary.

7           B. A lobbyist's employer shall not compensate a  
8 former statewide elected official, a former public regulation  
9 commissioner, a former state legislator or a former cabinet  
10 secretary for a period of one calendar year after the person  
11 served as a statewide elected official, public regulation  
12 commissioner, state legislator or cabinet secretary.

13           C. A person who violates a provision of this  
14 section is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be  
15 sentenced pursuant to the provisions of Section 31-19-1 NMSA  
16 1978."

17           **SECTION 2. APPLICABILITY.**--The provisions of this act  
18 apply to all persons who hold the office of statewide elected  
19 official, public regulation commissioner, state legislator or  
20 cabinet secretary on or after July 1, 2012.