

1 SENATE BILL 34

2 **56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023**

3 INTRODUCED BY

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO LOBBYING; PROHIBITING FORMER LEGISLATORS FROM
12 ACCEPTING COMPENSATION AS LOBBYISTS FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS
13 AFTER THEIR SERVICE; PROHIBITING EMPLOYERS OF LOBBYISTS FROM
14 COMPENSATING FORMER LEGISLATORS AS LOBBYISTS FOR A PERIOD OF
15 TWO YEARS AFTER SERVICE; IMPOSING A PENALTY.

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

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

20 "[NEW MATERIAL] RESTRICTION ON LOBBYING BY STATE
21 LEGISLATORS--PENALTY.--

22 A. A former state legislator shall not accept
23 compensation as a lobbyist for a period of two calendar years
24 after service as a state legislator.

25 B. A lobbyist's employer shall not compensate a

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1 former state legislator as a lobbyist for a period of two
2 calendar years after the person served as a state legislator.

3 C. A person who violates a provision of this
4 section is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be
5 sentenced pursuant to the provisions of Section 31-19-1 NMSA
6 1978."

7 SECTION 2. APPLICABILITY.--The provisions of this act
8 apply to all persons who hold the office of state legislator on
9 or after July 1, 2023.

10 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
11 provisions of this act is July 1, 2023.