AN ACT

RELATING TO LOBBYING; REQUIRING A LOBBYING ACTIVITY REPORT ON THE LEGISLATION LOBBIED AND POSITION TAKEN BY A LOBBYIST AND LOBBYIST'S EMPLOYER; PRESERVING LOBBYING ACTIVITY REPORTS FOR AT LEAST TEN YEARS.

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] LOBBYING ACTIVITY REPORT.--

A. A lobbyist or lobbyist's employer that is required to file an expenditure report pursuant to Section 2-11-6 NMSA 1978 or registration statement pursuant to Section 2-11-3 NMSA 1978 shall file a lobbying activity report with the secretary of state that discloses the lobbyist's or lobbyist's employer's lobbying activity on legislation that has been

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introduced, including any lobbying on the development of legislation prior to the legislation's introduction in a legislative session, and that identifies the:

(1)   specific legislation lobbied;

(2)   lobbyist's and lobbyist's employer's support, opposition or other position taken on the legislation; and

(3)   name of the lobbyist's employer that lobbied on the legislation, either directly or through the registered lobbyist.

B.   The lobbying activity report shall be filed in a format as prescribed by rule of the secretary of state within forty-eight hours of commencement of the lobbying activity.

C.   The lobbying activity reported for each specific piece of legislation shall be included or linked on the legislature's website for that specific piece of legislation."

SECTION 2.   Section 2-11-7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1977, Chapter 261, Section 7, as amended) is amended to read:

"2-11-7.   REGISTRATION, [AND] EXPENDITURE AND LOBBYING ACTIVITY REPORT--PRESERVATION AS PUBLIC RECORD--ONLINE REPORTS.--

A.   Each registration, [and] expenditure and lobbying activity report as required by the Lobbyist Regulation Act shall be archived and accessible on the secretary of state's lobbyist disclosure website for a period of at least

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1 ten years from the date of filing as a public record, open to

2 public inspection at any reasonable time. Unless an action or

3 prosecution is pending that requires preserving the report, it

4 may be destroyed ten years after the date of filing.

5 B. Lobbyist [registrations and] registration,

6 expenditure and lobbying activity reports shall be kept and

7 maintained on the secretary of state's lobbyist disclosure

8 website and shall be available in searchable and downloadable

9 formats.

10 C. With respect to the secretary of state's

11 lobbyist disclosure website, all items in the records shall be

12 easily searchable, sortable and downloadable by the public to

13 the extent technically practicable.

14 D. The secretary of state shall ensure that

15 contributions reported by persons pursuant to the Lobbyist

16 Regulation Act are reported in a manner that is nonduplicative

17 and as consistent as practicable with the reporting

18 requirements of the Campaign Reporting Act. To the extent

19 possible, the electronic reporting system used for registration

20 and reporting required by the Lobbyist Regulation Act shall be

21 integrated with the electronic reporting system used for

22 compliance with the Campaign Reporting Act.

23 E. Reporting individuals under the Campaign

24 Reporting Act shall receive automatic electronic notice of the

25 contributions to them reported by lobbyists and lobbyists'

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underscored material = new
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employers within twenty-four hours of the filing of each

expenditure report."

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the

provisions of this act is January 1, 2027.

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