

HOUSE BILL 164

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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 or reports with the secretary of state that discloses the lobbyist's or lobbyist's employer's lobbying activity on

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1 legislation that has been introduced, including any lobbying on
2 the development of legislation prior to its introduction in a
3 legislative session, and that identifies the:

4 (1) specific legislation lobbied;

5 (2) lobbyist's and lobbyist's employer's
6 support, opposition or other position taken on the legislation
7 and whether the support, opposition or other position changed;
8 and

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

12 B. If a lobbyist or lobbyist's employer commences
13 lobbying on legislation after the adjournment of a legislative
14 session, a lobbying activity report shall be filed prior to the
15 end of the time period in which the governor may act on
16 legislation.

17 C. A lobbyist or lobbyist's employer is only
18 required to report lobbying activity on a piece of legislation
19 one time unless the lobbyist's or lobbyist's employer's
20 position on the legislation has changed, in which case the
21 lobbying activity for each change in position shall be
22 reported.

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

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

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

6 "2-11-7. REGISTRATION, ~~[AND]~~ EXPENDITURE AND LOBBYING
7 ACTIVITY REPORT--PRESERVATION AS PUBLIC RECORD--ONLINE
8 REPORTS.--

9 A. Each registration, ~~[and]~~ expenditure and
10 lobbying activity report as required by the Lobbyist Regulation
11 Act shall be archived and accessible on the secretary of
12 state's lobbyist disclosure website for a period of at least
13 ten years from the date of filing as a public record, open to
14 public inspection at any reasonable time. Unless an action or
15 prosecution is pending that requires preserving the report, it
16 may be destroyed ten years after the date of filing.

17 B. Lobbyist ~~[registrations and]~~ registration,
18 expenditure and lobbying activity reports shall be kept and
19 maintained on the secretary of state's lobbyist disclosure
20 website and shall be available in searchable and downloadable
21 formats.

22 C. With respect to the secretary of state's
23 lobbyist disclosure website, all items in the records shall be
24 easily searchable, sortable and downloadable by the public to
25 the extent technically practicable.

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