

HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL 164

57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2026

AN ACT

RELATING TO LOBBYING; REQUIRING A LOBBYING ACTIVITY REPORT ON
THE LEGISLATION LOBBIED AND POSITION TAKEN BY A 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 employer's
lobbying activity on legislation that has been introduced,

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

- 4 (1) specific legislation lobbied;
- 5 (2) lobbyist's employer's support, opposition
6 or other position taken on the legislation; and
- 7 (3) name of the lobbyist's employer that
8 lobbied on the legislation, either directly or through the
9 employer's authorized lobbyist.

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

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

16 D. A lobbying activity report shall be filed by
17 either the lobbyist or the lobbyist's employer, but the filing
18 of duplicate reports is not required."

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

21 "2-11-7. REGISTRATION, [~~AND~~] EXPENDITURE AND LOBBYING
22 ACTIVITY REPORT--PRESERVATION AS PUBLIC RECORD--ONLINE
23 REPORTS.--

24 A. Each registration, [~~and~~] expenditure and
25 lobbying activity report as required by the Lobbyist Regulation

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1 Act shall be archived and accessible on the secretary of
2 state's lobbyist disclosure website for a period of at least
3 ten years from the date of filing as a public record, open to
4 public inspection at any reasonable time. Unless an action or
5 prosecution is pending that requires preserving the report, it
6 may be destroyed ten years after the date of filing.

7 B. ~~[Lobbyist registrations and expenditure]~~ Reports
8 required to be archived pursuant to Subsection A of this
9 section shall be kept and maintained on the secretary of
10 state's lobbyist disclosure website and shall be available in
11 searchable and downloadable formats.

12 C. With respect to the secretary of state's
13 lobbyist disclosure website, all items in the records shall be
14 easily searchable, sortable and downloadable by the public to
15 the extent technically practicable.

16 D. The secretary of state shall ensure that
17 contributions reported by persons pursuant to the Lobbyist
18 Regulation Act are reported in a manner that is nonduplicative
19 and as consistent as practicable with the reporting
20 requirements of the Campaign Reporting Act. To the extent
21 possible, the electronic reporting system used for registration
22 and reporting required by the Lobbyist Regulation Act shall be
23 integrated with the electronic reporting system used for
24 compliance with the Campaign Reporting Act.

25 E. Reporting individuals under the Campaign

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1 Reporting Act shall receive automatic electronic notice of the
2 contributions to them reported by lobbyists and lobbyists'
3 employers within twenty-four hours of the filing of each
4 expenditure report."

5 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
6 provisions of this act is January 1, 2027.

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