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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Ethics Commission, State)**

Requested: September 30, 2013

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Public Ethics – Regulated Lobbyists – Ethics Training Requirements

FOR the purpose of requiring that certain regulated lobbyists complete a certain initial and subsequent ethics training course provided by the State Ethics Commission within a certain period of time; and generally relating to ethics training requirements for regulated lobbyists.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 15–205(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Government
Section 15–703.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – State Government

15–205.

(e) (1) [(i)] The Ethics Commission shall provide a training course for regulated lobbyists and prospective regulated lobbyists at least twice each year

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



regarding the provisions of the Maryland Public Ethics Law relevant to regulated lobbyists. One such course shall be conducted in the month of January.

[(ii) A regulated lobbyist, other than the employer of a regulated lobbyist as described in § 15-701(a)(6) of this title, shall attend a training course provided under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph at least once in any 2-year period during which a lobbyist has registered with the Ethics Commission.]

(2) At the time of a person's initial registration as a regulated lobbyist, the Ethics Commission shall provide the person with information relating to the provisions of the Maryland Public Ethics Law relevant to regulated lobbyists.

15-703.1.

A REGULATED LOBBYIST, OTHER THAN A REGULATED LOBBYIST DESCRIBED IN § 15-701(A)(6) OF THIS SUBTITLE, SHALL COMPLETE THE TRAINING COURSE PROVIDED UNDER § 15-205(E)(1) OF THIS TITLE:

(1) (I) WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF INITIAL REGISTRATION WITH THE ETHICS COMMISSION; OR

(II) IF THE INITIAL REGISTRATION IS TERMINATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 15-703(F) OF THIS SUBTITLE EARLIER THAN 6 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF REGISTRATION, BEFORE ANY SUBSEQUENT REGISTRATION WITH THE ETHICS COMMISSION; AND

(2) ON COMPLETION OF THE INITIAL TRAINING COURSE UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS SECTION, WITHIN THE 2-YEAR PERIOD FOLLOWING THE DATE OF THE MOST RECENTLY COMPLETED TRAINING COURSE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2014.