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Proposed Action on Regulations

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1. Desired date of publication in Maryland Register: 10/17/2014

2. COMAR Codification

Title Subtitle Chapter Regulation

19A 07 01 18

3. Name of Promulgating Authority

State Ethics Commission

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6. Check applicable items:

New Regulations

Amendments to Existing Regulations

 Date when existing text was downloaded from COMAR online: .

Repeal of Existing Regulations

Recodification

Incorporation by Reference of Documents Requiring DSD Approval

Reproposal of Substantively Different Text:

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(vol.) (issue) (page nos) (date)

Under Maryland Register docket no.: --P.

7. Is there emergency text which is identical to this proposal:

Yes No

8. Incorporation by Reference

Check if applicable: Incorporation by Reference (IBR) approval form(s) attached and 18 copies of documents proposed for incorporation submitted to DSD. (Submit 18 paper copies of IBR document to DSD and one copy to AELR.)

9. Public Body - Open Meeting

OPTIONAL - If promulgating authority is a public body, check to include a sentence in the Notice of Proposed Action that proposed action was considered at an open meeting held pursuant to State Government Article, §10-506(c), Annotated Code of Maryland.

OPTIONAL - If promulgating authority is a public body, check to include a paragraph that final action will be considered at an open meeting.

10. Children's Environmental Health and Protection

Check if the system should send a copy of the proposal to the Children's Environmental Health and Protection Advisory Council.

11. Certificate of Authorized Officer

I certify that the attached document is in compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act. I also certify that the attached text has been approved for legality by Jennifer Allgair, General Counsel, (telephone #410-260-7770) on September 8, 2014. A written copy of the approval is on file at this agency.

Name of Authorized Officer

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Title

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Date

September 8, 2014

Title 19A
A STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

Subtitle 07 LOBBYING

19A.07.01 General

Authority: General Provisions Article, §§ 5-205(e), 5-206, and 5-704(f)

Notice of Proposed Action

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The State Ethics Commission proposes to adopt new regulation COMAR 19A.07.01.18.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to implement Chapter 21 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2014. Specifically, the proposed regulation requires individual regulated lobbyists to complete certain training courses within certain time periods.

Comparison to Federal Standards

There is no corresponding federal standard to this proposed action.

Estimate of Economic Impact

The proposed action has no economic impact.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Jennifer Allgair, General Counsel, State Ethics Commission, 45 Calvert Street, Annapolis, MD 21401, or call 410-260-7770, or email to jennifer.allgair@maryland.gov, or fax to 410-260-7746. Comments will be accepted through November 17, 2014. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

Economic Impact Statement Part C

A. Fiscal Year in which regulations will become effective: FY 15

B. Does the budget for the fiscal year in which regulations become effective contain funds to implement the regulations?

No

C. If 'yes', state whether general, special (exact name), or federal funds will be used:

D. If 'no', identify the source(s) of funds necessary for implementation of these regulations:

Implementation of this regulation will not require the funds. The Commission currently provides the training courses required by this regulation both in person and electronically.

E. If these regulations have no economic impact under Part A, indicate reason briefly:

Individual regulated lobbyist are currently required to complete the courses required under this regulation.

F. If these regulations have minimal or no economic impact on small businesses under Part B, indicate the reason and attach small business worksheet.

Individual regulated lobbyist are currently required to complete the courses required under this regulation.

G. Small Business Worksheet:

1a. The intended beneficiaries of these regulations include individual regulated lobbyists registered with the State Ethics Commission and the general public. The beneficiaries do not include households or businesses.

1b. Households are not the intended beneficiaries of these regulations.

1c. Businesses are not the intended beneficiaries of these regulations.

2a. The proposed regulations do not have any indirect impact on businesses and will not require businesses to respond in any fashion that would incur additional work-time costs or monetary costs.

2b. The proposed regulations will not have any benefit or positive impact on businesses.

3. The long-term economic impact effect from these proposed regulations does not differ significantly from the immediate impact.

4. The proposed regulations do not create any economic impact on the cost of providing goods and services; the effect on the work force; the effect on the cost of housing; the efficiency in production and marketing; capital investment, taxation, competition, and economic development or consumer choice.

Attached Document:

Subtitle 07 LOBBYING

Chapter 01 General

Authority: General Provisions Article, §§5-205(E), 5-206 and 5-704(f), Annotated Code of Maryland

.18 Ethics Training Requirements

- A. *This regulation applies to an individual regulated lobbyist described in Regulation .02A of this chapter.*
- B. *An individual regulated lobbyist shall complete the lobbyist training course required by General Provisions Article, §5-205(e), Annotated Code of Maryland:*
 - (1) *Within six months of the individual regulated lobbyist's initial registration with the Ethics Commission; or*
 - (2) *If the initial registration is terminated in accordance with General Provisions Article, §5-704(f), Annotated Code of Maryland, earlier than six months after the date of registration, before any subsequent registration with the Ethics Commission.*
- C. *On completion of the initial training course under §.18B of this regulation, an individual regulated lobbyist shall complete the training course required under General Provisions Article, §5-205(e), Annotated Code of Maryland, within the two year period following the date of the most recently completed training course.*