

BY: Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 419

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike line 2 in its entirety and substitute "Ethics Law Gift Disclosure - Lobbyists"; strike beginning with "authorizing" in line 3 down through "employees" in line 12 and substitute "providing an exception to the lobbyist gift disclosure requirements as to gifts to certain family members of the regulated lobbyist; specifying certain conditions for this exception; and making this Act an emergency measure"; strike in their entirety lines 13 through 17, inclusive; strike line 20 and substitute "Section 15-704"; and strike lines 23 through 27, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 through 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 2 on page 2 through line 23 on page 4, inclusive.

On page 4, after line 24, insert:

"(a) (1) A regulated lobbyist shall file with the Ethics Commission, under oath and for each registration, a separate report concerning the regulated lobbyist's lobbying activities:

(i) by May 31 of each year, to cover the period from November 1 of the previous year through April 30 of the current year; and

(ii) by November 30 of each year, to cover the period from May 1 through October 31 of that year.

(2) If the regulated lobbyist is not an individual, an authorized officer or agent of the regulated lobbyist shall sign the report.

(3) If a prorated amount is reported as compensation, it shall be labeled as prorated."

(Over)

On page 4, in line 25, on page 5, in line 34, and on page 6, in line 20, in each instance, strike “EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (G)” and substitute “SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (F)”.

On page 5, after line 33, insert:

“(c) (1) This subsection applies only to a regulated lobbyist, other than an individual, that is organized and operated for the primary purpose of attempting to influence legislative action or executive action.

(2) In addition to the other reports required under this section, a regulated lobbyist subject to this subsection shall report the name and permanent address of each entity that provided at least 5% of the regulated lobbyist's total receipts during the preceding 12 months.

(3) For the purpose of the reporting and registration requirements of this subtitle, receipts of a regulated lobbyist subject to this subsection include funds spent on the regulated lobbyist's behalf, at its direction, or in its name.”; and in line 35, strike “AND”.

On page 6, in lines 4 and 5 and lines 37 and 38, in each instance, strike “EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (G) OF THIS SECTION,”; in line 21, strike “, AND SUBJECT” and substitute “AND”; in line 29, strike the brackets; and in lines 29 and 30, strike “EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (G) OF THIS SECTION, THE”.

On page 7, strike in their entirety lines 15 through 21, inclusive, and substitute:

“(F) THIS SECTION DOES NOT REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE BY A REGULATED LOBBYIST OF ANY GIFT TO THE REGULATED LOBBYIST’S IMMEDIATE FAMILY, IF THE GIFT IS:

(1) PURELY PERSONAL AND PRIVATE IN NATURE AND NOT RELATED TO THE REGULATED LOBBYIST’S LOBBYING ACTIVITIES; AND

(2) FROM THE REGULATED LOBBYIST’S PERSONAL FUNDS AND NOT ATTRIBUTABLE TO ANY OTHER ENTITY OR ENTITIES.

[(f)] (G) The Ethics Commission may require a regulated lobbyist to file any additional report the Ethics Commission determines to be necessary.”.