

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

March 3, 2025
Date

Committee on State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB25-1170 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, after line 1 insert:

2 **"SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
3 finds and declares that:

4 (a) Current law regarding lobbyist registration requires an
5 individual who engages with covered officials and receives compensation
6 from the organization for which they are speaking to register as a
7 professional lobbyist and report to the secretary of state's office;

8 (b) This includes timely reporting of each interaction, payment of
9 a registration fee, monthly disclosure reports on a year-round basis, and
10 the acknowledgment of engaging in lobbying activity, and these
11 requirements apply to employees of nonprofit charitable organizations
12 classified under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;

13 (c) Current law has had a massive chilling effect on the
14 engagement by nonprofit charitable organizations with the general
15 assembly because nonprofit charitable organizations are uncomfortable
16 with the professional lobbyist title and the need to provide disclosures for
17 a single or handful of interactions with elected officials;

18 (d) Nonprofit advocates are not lobbyists by trade but are required
19 to engage on legislation affecting their employer;

20 (e) Nonprofit charitable organizations value transparency and the
21 desire to share what they are working on, whom they have spoken to, and
22 what their position on a matter is, but feel the current requirements are
23 burdensome; and

24 (f) Nonprofit charitable organizations provide a valuable and
25 unique lens when evaluating legislation because they comprise a large
26 part of the state and provide an important perspective for the general
27 assembly.

1 (2) Therefore, the general assembly further finds and declares that
2 there is a need to provide for a new type of lobbyist registration that
3 encourages engagement and participation by nonprofit charitable
4 organizations and provides for transparency that is critical to the
5 legislative process."

6 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

7 Page 2, after line 7 insert:

8 "(3.8) "NONPROFIT ADVOCATE" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL
9 EXCLUSIVELY EMPLOYED BY A SINGLE NONPROFIT ENTITY WHO ENGAGES
10 IN LOBBYING OF ONE OR MORE COVERED OFFICIALS ON BEHALF OF THE
11 NONPROFIT ENTITY AS AN INCIDENTAL DUTY OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S ROLE.
12 A NONPROFIT ADVOCATE IS NOT A PROFESSIONAL LOBBYIST."

13 Page 3, line 1, strike "(3.8)" and substitute "(3.9)".

14 Page 3, line 4, strike "1986"." and substitute "1986", AND THAT HAS TEN
15 MILLION DOLLARS OR LESS IN GROSS REVENUES PER TAX YEAR."

16 Page 3, strike lines 5 through 9.

17 Page 4, line 7, strike "(3.9)," and substitute "(3.8),".

18 Page 4, line 20, strike "THIRTY DAYS" and substitute "TWELVE HOURS".

19 Page 4, strike lines 21 and 22 and substitute "PER STATE FISCAL YEAR.
20 FOR PURPOSES".

21 Page 4, line 24, strike "DAY," and substitute "SAME THIRTY-MINUTE
22 INCREMENT,".

23 Page 4, line 25, strike "DAY." and substitute "THIRTY-MINUTE INCREMENT.
24 FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (3), LOBBYING OF A COVERED OFFICIAL
25 BY A NONPROFIT ADVOCATE IS MEASURED IN INCREMENTS OF THIRTY
26 MINUTES. THIRTY MINUTES OR LESS OF LOBBYING OF A COVERED OFFICIAL
27 BY A NONPROFIT ADVOCATE IS CONSIDERED TO BE THIRTY MINUTES OF
28 LOBBYING. A NONPROFIT ENTITY MAY USE MULTIPLE NONPROFIT
29 ADVOCATES DURING A STATE FISCAL YEAR, BUT THE SUM OF THEIR TOTAL
30 LOBBYING HOURS MUST NOT EXCEED TWELVE HOURS PER STATE FISCAL
31 YEAR."

- 1 Page 5, line 11, strike "LOBBYIST;" and substitute "ADVOCATE;".
- 2 Page 6, line 3, strike the second "LOBBYIST" and substitute "ADVOCATE".
- 3 Strike "LOBBYIST" and substitute "ADVOCATE" on: **Page 4**, lines 13, 16,
4 and 19; and **Page 5**, lines 1, 3, 6, 13, 14, 16, and 19.
- 5 Strike "LOBBYIST," and substitute "ADVOCATE," on: **Page 2**, line 7; **Page**
6 **3**, lines 14 and 25; **Page 4**, line 7; and **Page 6**, line 4.
- 7 Strike "LOBBYIST"" and substitute "ADVOCATE"" on: **Page 5**, line 26; and
8 **Page 6**, line 1.
- 9 Strike "LOBBYISTS" and substitute "ADVOCATES" on: **Page 4**, lines 23 and
10 27; and **Page 5**, lines 1 and 5.

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