

**SENATE BILL No. 398**

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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1 AN ACT concerning governmental ethics; dealing with lobbying;  
2 amending K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 46-265 and repealing the existing section.  
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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 46-265 is hereby amended to read as  
6 follows: 46-265. (a) (1) Every lobbyist shall register with the secretary of  
7 state by completing and signing a registration form prescribed and  
8 provided by the commission. Such registration shall show the name and  
9 address of the lobbyist, the name and address of the person compensating  
10 the lobbyist for lobbying, the purpose of the employment and the method  
11 of determining and computing the compensation of the lobbyist. If the  
12 lobbyist is compensated or to be compensated for lobbying by more than  
13 one employer or is to be engaged in more than one employment, the  
14 relevant facts listed above shall be stated separately for each employer and  
15 each employment. Whenever any new lobbying employment or lobbying  
16 position is accepted by a lobbyist already registered as provided in this  
17 section, such lobbyist shall report the same on forms prescribed and  
18 provided by the commission before engaging in any lobbying activity  
19 related to such new employment or position, and such report shall be filed  
20 with the secretary of state. When a lobbyist is an employee of a lobbying  
21 group or firm which contracts to lobby and not an owner or partner of such  
22 entity, the lobbyist shall report each client of the group, firm or entity  
23 whose interest the lobbyist represents. Whenever the lobbying of a  
24 lobbyist concerns a legislative matter, the secretary of state promptly shall  
25 transmit copies of each registration and each report filed under this act to  
26 the secretary of the senate and the chief clerk of the house of  
27 representatives.

28 (2) *Every lobbyist, on or before July 1 of each year, shall report on a*  
29 *form prescribed by the commission the amount of compensation received*  
30 *from each employer and each employment for the 12-month period*  
31 *beginning July 1 of the preceding year through June 30 of the current year.*  
32 *The report shall be filed with the secretary of state.*

33 (b) On or after October 1, in any year any person may register as a  
34 lobbyist under this section for the succeeding calendar year. Such  
35 registration shall expire annually on December 31 of the year for which  
36 the lobbyist is registered. In any calendar year, before engaging in

1 lobbying, persons to whom this section applies shall register or renew their  
2 registration as provided in this section. Except for employees of lobbying  
3 groups or firms, every person registering or renewing registration who  
4 anticipates spending \$1,000 or less for lobbying in such registration year  
5 on behalf of any one employer shall pay to the secretary of state a fee of  
6 \$50 for lobbying for each such employer. Except for employees of  
7 lobbying groups or firms, every person registering or renewing registration  
8 who anticipates spending more than \$1,000 for lobbying in such  
9 registration year on behalf of any one employer shall pay to the secretary  
10 of state a fee of \$350 for lobbying for such employer. Any lobbyist who at  
11 the time of initial registration anticipated spending less than \$1,000, on  
12 behalf of any one employer, but at a later date spends in excess of such  
13 amount, within three days of the date when expenditures exceed such  
14 amount, shall file an amended registration form which shall be  
15 accompanied by an additional fee of \$300 for such year. Every person  
16 registering or renewing registration as a lobbyist who is an employee of a  
17 lobbying group or firm and not an owner or partner of such entity shall pay  
18 an annual fee of \$450. The secretary of state shall remit all moneys  
19 received under this section to the state treasurer in accordance with the  
20 provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of  
21 each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in  
22 the state treasury to the credit of the governmental ethics commission fee  
23 fund.

24 (c) Any person who has registered as a lobbyist pursuant to this act  
25 may file, upon termination of such person's lobbying activities, a statement  
26 terminating such person's registration as a lobbyist. Such statement shall  
27 be on a form prescribed by the commission and shall state the name and  
28 address of the lobbyist, the name and address of the person compensating  
29 the lobbyist for lobbying and the date of the termination of the lobbyist's  
30 lobbying activities.

31 (d) No person who has failed or refused to pay any civil penalty  
32 imposed pursuant to K.S.A. 46-280, and amendments thereto, shall be  
33 authorized or permitted to register as a lobbyist in accordance with this  
34 section until such penalty has been paid in full.

35 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 46-265 is hereby repealed.

36 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
37 publication in the statute book.