

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0235

Lobbyist reporting.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Johnson, L., Boswell,
Gentile, Iekel, Martin, McOmie, Robinson and
Ross and Senator(s) Burns, Case, Massie and
Mockler

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to lobbyists; providing for enforcement of
2 lobbyist reporting provisions by the secretary of state as
3 specified; providing rulemaking authority; specifying
4 lobbyist reporting requirements; and providing for an
5 effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 28-7-105 is created to read:

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11 **28-7-105. Enforcement by secretary of state;**
12 **investigations; rules and regulations.**

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1 (a) The secretary of state may conduct
2 investigations, inquiries and hearings concerning the
3 provisions of this chapter.

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5 (b) The secretary of state shall accept for
6 investigation purposes from an individual, either
7 personally or on behalf of an organization or governmental
8 body, a complaint in writing stating the name of the person
9 alleged to have committed a violation of this chapter and
10 setting forth the grounds for the complaint.

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12 (c) If the secretary of state determines that a
13 complaint filed under subsection (b) of this section
14 alleges facts sufficient to constitute a violation of this
15 chapter, the secretary of state shall determine whether to
16 investigate and act upon the complaint and shall certify
17 his own acts and records.

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19 (d) The secretary of state shall adopt and enforce
20 rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this
21 chapter.

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23 **Section 2.** W.S. 28-7-201(d) and (e) are amended to
24 read:

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**28-7-201. Lobbyist activity reports; contents, form
and filing requirements; penalties.**

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(d) Each lobbyist activity report shall contain:

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(i) A listing of the lobbyist's sources of funding, each loan, gift, gratuity, special discount or hospitality paid or given, as defined by rules and regulations, to or on behalf of any legislator, state elected official or state employee acting in his official capacity which exceeds fifty dollars (\$50.00) in value identified by date, amount and the name of the legislator, state elected official or state employee;.

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(ii) The date, location, name of the legislative body invited and total expense incurred by each sponsoring organization for special events, including receptions, meals, entertainment, attendance at athletic events and other functions, to which members of the legislature, of either house of the legislature, of any committee of the legislature or any regional legislative delegation have been invited; and

1 (iii) A listing of total expenditures made by
2 the lobbyist and the lobbyist's employer on lobbying
3 activities including, but not limited to, salaries and
4 benefits, fees for professional and consulting services,
5 telephone, postage, printing, copies, travel expenses,
6 meals, lodging, office equipment, rent, staff support and
7 advertising in any medium.

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9 ~~(e) Special events, including receptions, meals,~~
10 ~~entertainment, attendance at athletic events and other~~
11 ~~functions, to which members of the legislature, of either~~
12 ~~house of the legislature, of any committee of the~~
13 ~~legislature or any regional legislative delegation have~~
14 ~~been invited shall be included in the report required under~~
15 ~~this section.~~ The total expenses of activities reported
16 pursuant to ~~this subsection~~ paragraphs (d) (ii) and (iii) of
17 this section shall be reported by event or function not by
18 individual legislator. The report shall specify the group
19 of legislators invited but is not required to specify the
20 names of individual legislators. ~~Informational publications~~
21 ~~and other printed materials used for legislative purposes~~
22 ~~are not reportable under this act.~~

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24 **Section 3.** W.S. 28-7-201(h) through (k) is repealed.

